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### THE COVER

This has been a golden year for Theta, manifested in part by the presentation of certificates honoring our fifty year Thetas throughout the country.

Pictured on the cover are the three Golden Thetas who attended Grand Convention in June: Ruth Townley of Mu chapter, Miriam Slocum of Alpha Epsilon chapter and Nelle Sherred Seneff, also of Mu chapter.

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## *Letter from Ellen*

As another year is beginning for both college and alumnae groups it is ours to insure the future of the fraternity system by making our college chapters invaluable to the campuses and our alumnae groups a treasured link with the fraternity and the campuses as well.

Kappa Alpha Theta is ours—her success is our responsibility. Each of us is given a choice of what we will make of our membership in Kappa Alpha Theta. How good an investment are you?

If you are a college member are you doing your part in promoting high scholarship, in maintaining the highest standards of conduct, and in providing leadership for your campus?

If you are an alumna, are you still a good investment paying rich dividends in unselfish service to your fraternity? Only by such service beyond self can our fraternity hold fast to its ideals which are a source of its greatness. Ours is a great fraternity, but how much greater it could be if each Theta continued her interest in and work for her fraternity in after college days.

At Grand Convention this past summer those attending gave of their best thinking to planning our fraternity's future. This thinking together signified unity, and it is now ours to work together for that is success.

We might paraphrase those famous words of Emerson and say:

"Not words, but only deeds can make  
Our Theta great and strong."

*Ellen B. Staggs Head*

Ellen Bowers Hofstead, Grand President, and Helen French, toastmistress and former Grand President, enjoy the banquet.

## *Convention*

## *Commentary*

"Lucky be this hour . . . welcome!" was the greeting given those attending the forty-first Grand Convention at Quebec by Margaret Stevens of the hostess group, District Five. The entire convention was lovely as well as lucky, with 408 Thetas in attendance from all over the continent. There were 211 visitors, in addition to the officers, chairmen of committees, and delegates. There were also 408 topcoats carefully toted to Quebec and back again without being used, since the weather turned delightfully warm . . . and cottons, not coats, were required.

Remaining in office as Grand President is Ellen Bowers Hofstead, whose soft Southern accent expresses a keen mind and a strict sense of business. Also remaining in office are Alletta Henderson Munz as Grand Treasurer and Mary Forrest Brandriff as Grand Alumnæ Secretary. Elizabeth Lockridge Hogate moves from the

office of Grand Second Vice President to Grand First Vice President. Evelyn Widman Tunnicliffe, who served as District One President, becomes Grand Second Vice President. The newly-created office of Grand Third Vice President is held by Alice Lease Gonser, former District Eleven President.

The keynote speaker of convention was Adelaide Macdonald Sinclair of Ottawa, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister of National Welfare, who was Grand President of Kappa Alpha Theta from 1938 to 1942. The Career Night speaker was Edna Mae McIntosh, nutritionist with the Gerber Products Company of Fremont, Michigan. Many were the interesting reports given by the committee chairmen, and frequent were the little meetings of alumnæ and college groups to discuss their particular problems.

The various awards made to college and



Helen Sackett, Executive Secretary; Evelyn Tunnicliffe, new Grand Second Vice President; and Elizabeth Hogate, Grand First Vice President.



Alletta Munz, Grand Treasurer; Mary Brandriff, Grand Alumnae Secretary, and Alice Gonser, new Grand Third Vice President.

alumnae chapters created a definite incentive among the chapters to capture one of those awards at the next convention (which is to be held at Banff). And the carefully prepared documentary film and commentary given by Mary Julia Phares on the Institute of Logopoeics inspired every member in attendance to do all she could to aid and further the work of the Institute, in any way she or her chapter might.

The convention was managed beautifully by Jeanette Grasett and Marjorie Cockrell, assisted by Helen Leister. This was the third convention handled by Jeanette, and the eighteenth she has attended—topped only by Margaret Banta, who was attending her nineteenth.

It was fun and work for everyone attending—more fun for some, and more work for others. Old friends hailed each other with an ecstatic "Hi!" and new friends were discovered on every trip up and down the elevator, in the dining room, or on the rounds of Quebec.

With each business session crowded with ideas and decisions, the future for Kappa Alpha Theta looks bright indeed. Time marches on . . . and Theta with it. We've come a long way since that first convention in Bloomington, Indiana, with twelve Thetas concerning themselves with the problems of 1872. In 1954 we have greater problems, but our prospects are greater, too, and our future is assured.



## BROTHERHOOD OF CHILDREN AWARD

It is with great pride that Kappa Alpha Theta announces being the recipient of the "Brotherhood of Children Award," presented to the fraternity by Lillian Wilson of the Philanthropy Committee at the Quebec convention.

Theta is the first organization to receive this honor. Previous recipients have been individuals including Trygve Lie, former Secretary of the United Nations; Donald Kingsley, former Agent General of the U N Korean Agency in Korea and now Executive Director of the Health and Welfare Council in New York; Mary Pickford, and Art Linkletter. This award was presented to Theta in appreciation of their services "to further the welfare and progress of unknown children, who will be part of tomorrow's world. Just as your founders were forward-looking, so you look forward to making a happier, more secure world through friendship to little children in distress."

# *It Still Holds True*

## **Statement of Policy**

In her final address at Convention, Grand President Ellen Hofstead credited L. Pearle Green with her opening paragraph, taken from the 1948 statement of Policy. "Because," stated Ellen, "I feel it applies today just as it did then."

"The fundamental cause of charges that fraternities are undemocratic, the current wave of anti-fraternity agitation, like similar agitations in the past, arises from misconceptions of fraternity constants, and the occasional neglect of these constants by some fraternity members." These were the words of Miss Green. Ellen went on to say:

"Unfortunately today we must recognize that there are forces at work trying to foster misconceptions of fraternities as a part of their plan to undermine our basic American freedom. We must be ever alert to the dangers of these forces, and not allow ourselves to become confused by those who would tell us that we should not have freedom of assembly, freedom to choose our own members—rights which are guaranteed by the Bill of Rights of our country.

"It is sad, but true, that all too few of our own members have a real knowledge of the fraternity system and its contributions to the college community as well as to its own members. If we ourselves are not informed about our own organization, how can we hope to make others understand it?

"As each of you returns to your chapters, won't you assume the responsibility for seeing that your members gain a real knowledge of the fraternity?

"Remember that 'actions speak louder than words.' Any careless action that reflects unfavorably on one chapter and brings it the wrong kind of publicity reflects on the entire fraternity system.

"Rushing seems to be one thing which brings great criticism to us. There is no perfect way of electing people to any organization, nor is there any way to prevent some from being disappointed. Such disappointments occur from

grammar school days on through life. However, we can make every effort to see that rushing and pledging are conducted in as dignified a way as possible, working to abandon rushing rules that are absurd and beneath the dignity of college women.

"Make every effort to choose your members wisely, giving careful consideration to recommendations, remembering that when you elect a member to your chapter you elect her to the national fraternity. As an alumna it is her privilege to participate in alumnae activities wherever she may be.

"A charter of Kappa Alpha Theta is bestowed only after much thought and is given to a group with faith that it will not betray the trust bestowed upon it—the trust of keeping inviolate the fraternity's ideals of noble womanhood, intellectually, the highest scholarship; socially, the widest influence for good; morally, the sweetness and light of love.

"I would hope that each girl in college would realize that her college fraternity experience is a very small part of her fraternity life—that as an alumna it is both her privilege and her responsibility to continue her interest in an effort for her fraternity. There is no time limit given on the vows that we take at pledging and at initiation.

"It is amazing to find that many of our alumnae do not hesitate to speak about fraternity policies and affairs in general when, in reality, they have had no contact whatever with the fraternity for some ten or fifteen years. Won't you urge your members to know whereof they speak?

"As we work for the advancement and welfare of our fraternity may we ever keep in mind the quotation:

"To every man there openeth  
A way and ways, and a way.  
And the high soul climbs the high way,  
And the low soul gropes the low."

May we ever take the "high way," was Ellen's concluding statement, aimed to reach the reason and infinite resources of all Thetas.



Adelaide Sinclair

## *Mark of a Woman*

"Know well the woman, that you may read her mark." If that is not, as yet, a Chinese proverb . . . it could well become one. There are advantages to meeting a person before knowing the record she has made, rather than being so blinded by the record that the personality is lost in a welter of qualifications. And not always do the two so complement each other, as they do in Adelaide Macdonald Sinclair.

First of all, Adelaide is a charming personality. The rest follows. Those at convention who met her for the first time, who chuckled at her reminiscences and listened to her philosophy, who chatted with her in the lobby, and who watched her help arrange table decorations for the Ottawa luncheon may not even have realized that the mark she has made will be permanent.

But to know the woman is to understand that mark. Good-naturedly, she said her only claim to fame was in having been the one to hire Helen Sackett as Executive Secretary. With just such a twist of the conversation, she turns the credit toward someone else so adroitly that the subject ceases to be Adelaide herself.

The term applied to her: "Foster Mother to the World's 800,000,000 Children" comes from her work with the United Nations as Canadian delegate to UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) since 1947. She was chairman of the Executive Board in 1951 and 1952, and also was president of the Canadian Conference on Social Work during 1952. She has been since 1946, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister of National Welfare with the Department

of National Health and Welfare in Ottawa.

In addition to her college degree from the University of Toronto, where she was a member of Sigma chapter of Theta, she has two honorary degrees—a Doctor of Laws from the University of Toronto, bestowed in 1946, and a Doctor of Social Sciences from Laval University in 1952. Many have earned their college degrees, but an honorary degree is quite another thing. That degree must be truly earned, and is never awarded to anyone who has skipped classes in Living and Doing.

When Adelaide was selected to serve as War-time Director of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service, she was quoted as saying that a great deal of her training came from experience as Grand President of Kappa Alpha Theta, which office she held from 1938 to 1942. That was a nice thing to say, and was perhaps true, but Theta had selected her as its president on the same basis that she was chosen to head the Women's Naval Service—because she, as a personality, was capable of fine leadership.

"There is a difference between seeing a pious hope on paper, and practicing it in daily life," was one of her remarks at convention. In practicing as well as in thinking, she is not limited by boundaries; her thoughts are wide and international, as is the career she has followed.

"The fraternity is a laboratory in which to experiment with life. You members of college chapters have the opportunity to learn to work together, to accept responsibility, and to get on with people whose experience and opinions

differ from your own. You may not realize how fortunate this continent is with its many opportunities, and this wealth of opportunity increases our responsibility.

"Women are playing an increasingly large and important part in world affairs today. And if the women on this continent are to play the part they should, they must be interested in conditions beyond their own boundaries, and with that interest should come sympathy and tolerance.

"The world is a good deal more complicated than most of us care to admit. It is well to recognize that there are many points of view

besides our own. It is important for us to understand some of these attitudes in the world around us, for much of the unhappiness and difficulty in the world is due to lack of knowledge and understanding."

In closing, she said: "The fraternity has objectives which have stood the test of time. But its success and its justification will be in the extent to which we, its members, are able and willing to fulfill them."

With such perception added to the potential, it is inevitable that we should find in the world today, the indelible mark of a woman—Adelaide Macdonald Sinclair.

## *To Serve the Fraternity . . .*

### As Grand Second Vice President

*Evelyn Tunnicliffe*

A native Detroiter, graduate of the University of Michigan, and member of Eta chapter, Evelyn Widman Tunnicliffe is well known in District One as a capable and untiring worker for Kappa Alpha Theta. Eta chapter has been particularly fortunate to have had Evelyn's interest, generosity, and devotion ever since her initiation into that chapter. Elected Grand Second Vice President at Convention, she brings to that office a deep love of Theta, a fund of Theta knowledge, wide experience in Theta activities, and an enthusiastic interest in Theta's future.

As an undergraduate, Evelyn served as treasurer of Eta chapter her junior year and as president her senior year. After graduation she assisted in reorganizing Eta Association which owns and maintains the chapter house. Her father, Albert Widman, became interested and was appointed trustee of the association which position he held until the bonds on the house were paid in full. Evelyn was elected treasurer of the association and served in that office from 1929-1937 and again from 1948-1950. During the latter period an addition was built enlarging



Evelyn Tunnicliffe

the chapter house. From 1932 to 1934 Evelyn was the very capable president of Detroit Alumnae chapter.

Many of you will remember Evelyn as chairman of the executive committee for the convention held at Mackinac in 1940. For the past

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three years she has been President of District One and has taken an active interest in the re-establishing of Pi chapter at Albion College.

But Theta activities have not claimed all of her time or interest for Evelyn is a staunch supporter of the University of Michigan. She has served two years as chairman of the Alumnae Council which is the organization of all the women graduates of the university. She is also a

### • Marian Straith

member of the board of directors of both the Alumnae Council and Alumni Association and is active in the Birmingham chapter of the AAUW.

The lovely garden which surrounds the Tunnicliffe home of Williamsburg design is living evidence of her hobby, gardening. Although she specializes in iris, her lilacs and lilies are also show pieces. Her garden is frequently on display during the spring garden pilgrimages and at the national convention of the National Farm and Garden Association held in Birmingham in June, her garden was chosen to be shown to the

visitors. She has served two years as treasurer and two years as first vice president of the Birmingham branch of the National Farm and Garden Association.

Evelyn's husband, Max B. Tunnicliffe, shares her enthusiasm in her gardening and Theta work. He is associated with the Scripps-Howard newspapers and is a graduate of the University of Michigan where he was a Theta Xi.

The Tunnicliffes have a son, Guy, who attended Northwestern University where he was a Phi Gamma Delta before serving with the Marines in Korea. He is now continuing his college education. A daughter, Lynn Ann, also a member of Eta chapter, graduated from the University of Michigan in June. Evelyn has two sisters, Marguerite Widman Appleford, and Marian Widman Leader who were members of Eta chapter and are active in the Birmingham Alumnae club.

In Evelyn's new office as Grand First Vice President she will have charge of fraternity housing, a position which she is eminently qualified to fill. She is an excellent organizer, has a thorough understanding of financial matters and is an efficient worker with many years of experience in fraternity affairs.

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## As Grand Third Vice President

*Alice Lease Gonser*

To quote: "A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed," but in a few words the writer will try to tell you of Alice Gonser's background.

The election of Alice Gonser to the newly-created office of Grand Third Vice President at the Quebec Convention was a happy choice for those who know Alice. A graduate from the University of Montana and a member of Alpha Nu chapter, Alice received her degree in 1927. From the time she moved to Berkeley with her husband, Bill, she has been active in the Berkeley Alumnae chapter—as president, vice president, treasurer, telephone chairman and chairman of the annual rummage sale. She served

three years as chairman of Omega's Advisory Board, two years as Rush Advisor and three years on the Executive Committee of the Panhellenic Central Committee at the University of California at the invitation of the Dean of Women. Alice has always given generously of her time and ability and brings to her new responsibilities a wealth of experience gained in Theta work as well as in numerous civic and philanthropic activities.

She was chapter delegate at the 1948 Grand Convention at Mackinac, Michigan and attended the 1952 Grand Convention as the new President of District Nine. Her activities other than Theta have been as a member of the Board of

Directors of the Stanford Mother's Club, Children's Hospital of the East Bay, on the board of directors of the Berkeley Red Cross, co-chairman of Campus Red Cross, chairman of the Panhellenic 1951 blood drive at Alta Bates Hospital and chairman of the Berkeley 1952 Merchants Day blood drive. Besides all this her other "special" interests are centered on her husband, Bill and their two sons—Bill, Jr., and Tom. For the

• Charlie Fenton Clarke

past two years she has been President of District Nine and has kept in close touch with her chapters and was ready at all times to give her time and experience toward the end of being genuinely helpful.

Alice Gonser's chapters in her district are stronger because of her valuable help during the past two years and we in Berkeley know as the years pass her wise counsel and impartial guidance is going to be more beneficial than ever to the fraternity. She has the understanding of both educational problems and human problems that are valuable. What Alice has done in the past she will continue to do in the future for the fraternity.

As Ruskin wrote: "We are not sent into this



Alice Lease Gonser

world to do anything into which we cannot put our hearts. We have certain work to do for our bread, and that is to be done strenuously; other work to do for our delight, and that is to be done heartily, neither is to be done by halves or shifts, but with a will; and what is not worth this effort is not to be done at all." How well this quotation fits Alice Gonser!

Fortunate indeed is our fraternity who have Thetas like her to serve on Grand Council. We salute Alice Lease Gonser—our new Grand Third Vice President!

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## As President of District One

*Nan Martin*

When the choice of Nanette Van Dervoort Martin as President of District One was announced, Lansing and East Lansing Alumnae club members felt proud indeed but not surprised. Although Nan is only 27 years old, she has already held most of the important administrative posts for the Michigan State College chapter and building board, plus being an active member of the alumnae club.

Nan entered Michigan State in 1944, following graduation from East Lansing High school. In addition to serving as Beta Pi treasurer for two years, she made a name for herself on campus as advertising manager for *The State*

*News*, the college daily newspaper. She was also co-chairman of the Water Carnival, the biggest event of State's senior year. Nan was also a member of Theta Sigma Phi honorary.

Upon graduation from college in 1948 with a B.A. degree in business administration, she immediately became active in alumnae affairs. Nan's first important duty as an alum was acting as treasurer of the Beta Pi Building Association. Her next big assignments were financial advisor to the active chapter and chairman of the Beta Pi advisory board, which job she has held for the last three years. In the latter capacity she attended all chapter meetings, as well as other

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Nanette Martin

chapter functions. Last year she presided at the Panhellenic Advisors Group meetings at Michigan State, which also privileged her as advisor to active panhellenic meetings on campus. Nan has been an active participant in the last two district conventions, as well as attending conventions while in college.

But Nan doesn't devote all her time to Theta activities. She is also a member of the Lansing

Junior League and serves at present as assistant financial chairman, as well as devoting one half day a week to volunteer work. In her spare time she helped to found the Spartan Alumnae club and served as its first president. Nan's religious affiliation is with the First Church of Christ Scientist, East Lansing.

But all these accomplishments are in addition to her biggest job of all, that of wife and mother. In 1948 she and William G. Martin, Sigma Chi of MSC's Gamma Psi chapter, were married. They have three children: Cynthia, age 5, John, 4, and Natalie, 1 year old. Bill is Vice-President and General Manager of the Van Dervoort Hardware Company in Lansing. The Martins reside on Chesterfield Parkway in East Lansing.

• Elizabeth Carry Walsh

Attending alumnae club meetings is a family affair for Nan, as her mother, Betty Van Dervoort Tobey, and her sister, Honey Van Dervoort, both of Alpha chapter, are also members of the Lansing club.

## As Alumnae President of District Three *Doris Jenkins French*



Dottie French

Doris French ("Dottie") was installed in 1943 as an alumna charter member of Gamma Eta of Massachusetts. L. Pearle Green chose her name and Pauline Moore initiated her. She had been graduated from the university in 1938, at which time she was president of the local group, which later became Kappa Alpha Theta.

During the war years, she traveled from the Chicago South Side Alumnae to Boston and then Washington, D. C., where she became the first President of the new Junior Group organized in '43.

In 1946 the Frenchs all returned home to normal living in State College, Pa., where husband Cy is a member of the faculty. Here Dottie has served as president of the Alumnae Club,

Chairman of the Advisory Board, and took Theta's turn on the Campus Panhellenic Advisory Board. The District Three Convention was held in State College in 1953, and Dottie acted as an able convention manager.

Another move took them all to Evanston for a year, where Cy worked on a special project in his field of nutrition. Evanston Alums let her waste no time, and made her magazine chairman. She's back now, at State College—and busy

• Doris Jones

once again.

Versatile Dottie's other interests lie in Girl Scouting, Parent Teacher Association and church work, with her "hobbies" being her home and family—Judy, 13, Martha, 8, and husband, Cy, a Theta Chi from the University of Massachusetts.

## As College President of District Nine

*Genevieve Shaver McDuffee*

College chapters of District Nine are most fortunate to have as their new president Genevieve Shaver McDuffee, whose indefatigable energy as recent chairman of Omega's Advisory Board has become a by-word. Gen's service to girls began when her daughter Genevieve was in campfire and she was a leader and board member. Next she took an active part in the Stanford Mothers' Club while Gen, Jr., was at Stanford . . . and worked for California as Scholarship Chairman on Omega's Advisory Board.

Gen comes from a very early pioneer Oregon family and was graduated from the University of Oregon. While in college she served as house representative and vice president of Alpha Xi chapter. When she had been out of college for five years, and teaching mathematics in Portland high school, she was elected president of Portland Theta alumnae. After her marriage to lumberman Dana E. McDuffee, she joined Theta alumnae chapters in Omaha, Minneapolis and San Francisco before settling in Piedmont and becoming a member of Berkeley Alumnae chapter, whose president she was in 1951-53 and delegate to Sun Valley convention. In an emergency she took over the management of the Squaw Valley District Convention in 1953 and now will be working with her Reno alumnae friends again.



Genevieve McDuffee

The McDuffee home is always available for Thetas can always count upon flowers from Gen's garden. One of her hobbies is ecclesiastical embroidery, and the altar vestments and stoles she has made for Episcopal churches and missions are pieces of art. At present she is chairman of a workshop project at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco.

It is a pleasure to introduce Gen.

• Esther Josi

One vital aspect having to do with the new office of Grand Third Vice President struck one council officer suddenly and with impact, as she said to another: "Say, do you realize Council won't be able to fit in one taxi anymore?"

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## As College President of District Eleven

*Elizabeth Little*



Elizabeth Little

College chapters in Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee will have as their new president Elizabeth Whalton Little (called "Flivver") of Miami, Florida.

Elizabeth is a native Floridian and member of a four generation Florida family. She was graduated (with a B.S. degree in home economics) from Florida State College for Women which is now Florida State University, and she belongs to Omicron Nu, the national Home Economics honorary.

District Eleven members are fortunate in having as president a loyal Theta with a background of unselfish service throughout the years. She began as a charter member of the Beta Nu chapter at Florida State, and is also a charter member

• **Lois Littig Coryell**

of the Miami Alumnae chapter. Her activities include being a member of the building committee of Beta Nu chapter, vice-president of the Beta Nu house corporation since 1947, and Florida State Chairman since 1937. She has held all offices in the Miami Alumnae chapter, as well as being chairman of their annual bazaar for two years.

"Flivver" is married to one of the country's leading exponents of modern architecture, Robert M. Little (A.I.A., and Phi Kappa Tau) and has two married children: Bob, Jr. and Cissy, who is Mrs. J. M. Taylor. Besides being a grandmother, her local activities include being a member of the case committee of the Children's Bureau and untiring service to the Community Chest. These activities will now include the district presidency of Kappa Alpha Theta college chapters in her area, for which position she is well qualified.

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## Three to Get Ready

*Eloise Maffett*

Your new alumnae editor of the magazine, finally settled in her new home in Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y., is avidly awaiting stories from you readers about interesting Thetas . . . and worthy projects. She makes the third member of the magazine staff.

In capsule form, here is Eloise Young Maffett. She was initiated into Beta Rho chapter in

1931. She has been an active member of the Minneapolis, Minn., Oak Park, Ill., and Providence, R. I. Alumnae chapters. The Providence chapter sent her as delegate to district convention in 1949 held at Northfield, Mass. At Grand Convention in Swampscott in 1950, who but Eloise was behind the cash register as registrar? From Rhode Island Eloise moved to Georgia

where, with her usual ability, and get-up-and-go, she became successively president of the alumnae chapter, delegate to Grand Convention in 1952 at Sun Valley, and Georgia State Chairman from 1950 to 1953. It was a sad day for Georgians

• **Frances Winston Harding**

when her husband Herb was moved to Philadelphia. The Maffetts had hardly settled there when they were moved again, this time to New York. It is the heartfelt wish of all her New York friends that they'll "stay put" for a while now.

With all this moving about the country you can readily guess one of her hobbies is interior decorating. Flower arranging goes hand in glove with this, and most adept is she, too. On nice days you'll find El, when time permits, on the golf course. Her husband is an expert at this game, and Eloise is not so bad herself. Add to these, a bit of the gardener, epicure and expert in the kitchen—a fact which her figure belies but to which her friends attest.



Eloise Maffett

With her wide background of living in various parts of the country, and her diversified interests in life, she will make a fine Alumnae Editor and we'll have a grand development within Kappa Alpha Theta, provided all the alumnae co-operate by sending Eloise material and suggestions to use for the magazine.

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## *Fellowship Award*

Recipient of the 1954 Fellowship announced by the Loan and Fellowship committee is Dr. Mary Esther Aguirre. She will use the extended Fellowship grant of \$1500 for further study at Tufts, where she has been an outstanding student in dentistry.

Dr. Aguirre is from Bolivia . . . a small, dark and charming girl with a delightful accent of which she is very self-conscious. Apparently, it does not interfere with her work or her exceptional ability, for the reports on her record from Tufts University in Boston are glowing ones.

She is taking graduate work in oral pediatrics at the dental school, hoping on her return to Bolivia to pioneer in the establishment of dental clinics for children. Dentistry, she reported at convention, is not a field for men in her country—but for women—and she is eager to contribute to the welfare of her people.

Those who met Dr. Aguirre at Quebec found

her delightful as well as intelligent, and were charmed by her shy "thank you" to those who had chosen her their Fellow. It is hoped that her stay in our country will not only increase her professional competence, but will also further pleasant relations between her country and ours. No one who met her could doubt it.



Dr. Mary Esther Aguirre gives her thanks for the Fellowship, with an accent and charm.

# Welcome to Five

• Luisa White

*Loan and Fellowship Committee*

## Graduate Scholarships 1954

Another year has rolled around, and although it was felt last year that there could never be any better Kappa Alpha Theta winners, here are five others marching forward in the top rank of high achievement. We're proud of humanity that it is so prolific in good quality, and proud especially of these five wonderful Thetas. As they march forward we'll take them one by one:

**Rosemary Glenn**, a Gamma Kappa at George Washington University. While at college she specialized in American Thought and Civilization. She was runner up for the 1949 prize for



Rosemary Glenn

the best written comprehensive examination. She also brought honor to her Theta chapter there in being their delegate to the convention in 1948, and by her leadership capturing the ever sought after Forward Cup that year. She earned her way through college and worked for two years after graduating from high school in many diverse fields from first grade teaching to chemical laboratory assistant for Wright Aeronautics Corp. After finishing her advanced education at Indiana she wants to act as administrative librarian in either children's libraries or international exchange libraries such as UNESCO, United Nations or Library of Congress. Betty Hogate says, "I know of no Theta more deserving or more likely to make a success

than Rosemary." The Director of Women's activities at George Washington in writing to recommend her adds, "She was one of the outstanding leaders of her class. Her character is fine and her attitude toward life in general is a very wholesome one."

**Mary Jane Wilcox Cooper**, a member of the Upsilon chapter at the U. of Minnesota. She received a scholarship to Rockford and transferred there her sophomore year. She earned her way all through college by working as second grade consulting teacher, training two student teachers and also doing demonstrating teaching. Besides this she served in a community way on important city wide committees. After finishing at Rockford she took her M.A. at Mt. Holyoke and then returned to Minnesota where she took her B.S. and is now working there towards her Ph.D. While doing all this graduate work she has supported a young daughter aside from achieving definite acclaim in her field by publishing a leading journal on philosophy of education. She also published several technical articles on grade education. She needs thirty more hours on statistics to complete research on her thesis. She hopes eventually to be a college or university teacher of philosophy of education. Robert H. Beck, Professor of Philosophy and Education at Minnesota says, "She is one of the few graduate students in this field with an exceptionally strong background in general philosophy."

**Janice Keller**, Alpha Lambda, U. of Washington 1951. She was well liked in college and managed usually to keep her grades up to a 4.0 and also take part in undergraduate activities, serving on several college committees. She worked every summer to finance her college. As a Junior Janice was accepted both by the U. of Washington and Northwestern Medical Schools. She chose Northwestern where she continued her high scholastic level and received her B.S. in basic medicine in June, 1954. Wendell Krieg, Professor of Anatomy at Northwestern, says,



Janice Keller

"I consider her easily the most outstanding personality among the women in her class, and one might venture, the one most likely to succeed. She has a high scholastic rating, A minus to B and seems to be improving." Asst. Dean H. A. Davenport, M.D. at the University, writes, "It is a pleasure to give her my unqualified recommendation as a student who appears destined to certain success."

**Joan Lindemer**, Gamma Lambda at Beloit College. Here we have a real leader. She ranked first in her class at high school, was president of her Theta chapter at college, also president of Panhellenic, and of the Women's Student Body at Beloit. She was also a member of Mortar Board and mentioned in *Who's Who*.

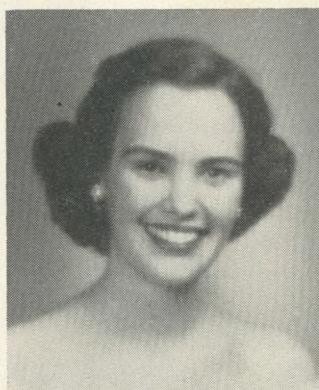


Joan Lindemer

She received her B.A. in 1950 in the field of government and now wants to do graduate work in political science. She is now studying at the U. of Illinois where she wants to complete her M.A. She plans to teach. After graduation from college she took a position at Carson, Pirie and

Scott and was most successful there. However, a business career did not give her the personal satisfaction particularly at the intellectual level. Consequently this past year she decided to resign her position and to begin graduate work in political science to prepare for teaching. The Dean at Beloit College says, "She has a mature mind, reads widely and well, and has the stuff of which sound graduate study is made."

**Patricia Hinds**, an Alpha Theta at the U. of Texas. Patricia Hinds may be the last on this list but by no means least. She was extremely active on the campus in a variety of fields. She made Pi Sigma Alpha and Kappa Beta Pi (both legal sororities). She received an award in the fall of 1953 as the Best All-Around Girl. She



Patricia Hinds

was also mentioned as an outstanding student in the U. of Texas Year Book, and was a member of both Phi Beta Kappa and Mortar Board. She received her B.A. degree in 1953 from Texas where she studied government, and wants to do graduate work in law at the U. of Texas Law School. She eventually wants to be a practicing attorney, probably in some area of government work. She is highly recommended as follows: W. O. Huie, Professor of Law for whom she personally worked as research assistant says, "She has a very fine mind, understands quickly the nature of the problem to be investigated, and is able to carry through and complete her assignment with efficient and thorough analysis and research." Professor Joseph T. Sneed, Assoc. Professor of Law, gave Patricia the following glowing tribute, "The highest recommendation I can give to any student is to say she possesses integrity. I can give Miss Hinds that kind of recommendation. In Law School we hear a good deal about a stu-

dent's character, particularly when he or she has been thrown into the spotlight as Miss Hinds has been. I assure you Miss Hinds passes the examination with a perfect score. To me this indicates a future career which will leave humanity the richer. I only wish we could turn out more like her."

Here we have five young women who will go

forth and make themselves felt in the critical fields of library work, medicine, law and two in education. Knowing Theta standards and realizing from all that has been said about these young women how well they represent us, and in fact how much they will add to our glory and that of humanity, we can indeed be grateful that the committee has chosen so well.

### So Proudly We Hail



The Award winners line up for the photographer on Career Night. Front row, left to right: Virginia McGean of Chi, Syracuse, Scholarship among U.S. chapters; Sharon Sutton of Gamma Upsilon, Miami, Forward Award; Jane Geyer of Beta Tau, Denison, Efficiency Award; Phyllis McDanel of Alpha Mu, Missouri, Efficiency Award; Shirley Wilson of Beta Chi, Alberta, Forward Award; Ruth Sunderland Rosenthal of San Antonio, Alumnæ Chapter Award; Ruth Shered Seneff of Meadville, 50-year Recognition and Alumnæ Club Award; Ruth Townley of Mu, Allegheny, 50-year Recognition; Catherine Overly Shroyer of Lafayette, Alumnæ Chapter Award.

Back row: Teddy Tefft Loop of Rockford, Alumnæ Club Award; Barbara Bailey of Gamma Kappa, George Washington, Scholarship Improvement Award; Shirley Sermersheim of Beta, Indiana, Magazine Award; Mary Burdon of Gamma Epsilon, Western Ontario, Scholarship among Canadian chapters.

*Convention  
Composite*



DeLois Faulkner, Alpha Omicron  
Pictures by courtesy of Canadian Pacific.

## *Bits Worth*

### *Ellen Hofstead*

**On our fraternity:** "We, who are members of fraternities are a privileged group, but it is ours to prove our greatness by accepting that privilege with humility and the clear realization that every privilege carries with it responsibility.

"Kappa Alpha Theta . . . owes a great debt to those who came before us, and had faith in an idea and hope for its development to meet the higher and broader demands of mature life. Their idea of a fraternity chapter made up of members selected on the basis of friendship and a common purpose has met the test of time. The ideals they chose have endured through the years."

**On Panhellenic relationship:** "A knowledge of National Panhellenic Conference policies and rules is a necessary foundation that each member must have before she can be in a position to evaluate their effectiveness. We must cooperate with all plans formulated for the best interests of the fraternity system as a whole at the same time being ever alert to all the ramifications of any plan or policy. . . . We must be aware that all NPC groups are working toward the same general objectives, and put more em-

phasis on fraternity membership rather than just membership in our own group."

**On college chapters:** "In essence chapter strength can be said to depend on the personnel in a chapter and what is done with it. It is fine to get 'the cream of the crop,' so to speak, but of equal importance is the training given to these newly acquired members.

"Is your chapter really promoting high scholarship? Is your group well above the all campus average? Are you maintaining the highest standards of conduct; if necessary, pioneering in discouraging campus customs that leave students open to criticism? Are you training leaders not only for service to your group but to the campus as well?"

**On Alumnae:** "The contributions of our alumnae in serving on advisory boards, as district and national officers in addition to maintaining our alumnae chapters and clubs are essential to the life of our fraternity. It is interesting to realize that many people question the role of alumnae in fraternity activities seemingly unaware that, in reality, we could not be a national fraternity without them."



Ellen Hofstead

### *Mary Brandriff*

**On years in Theta:** "Our span of being collegiate Thetas is brief in our lifetime as Thetas—and this we must convey to all girls as they are initiated. . . . I appeal to you girls to strengthen our alumnae ranks. When you graduate, be good active alumnae. Find time in your busy lives for Kappa Alpha Theta. Be proud of your affiliation. In your chapters, develop the idea that being initiated into Theta is a lifetime obligation. You will gain what you give."

**On the Friendship Fund:** "You should all know about our Friendship Fund as it is the very heart of our fraternity. This fund is distributed confidentially at the discretion of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Alumnae Secretary. Mrs. Munz, in a recent letter enclosing one

## *Quoting . . .*



Mary Brandriff

check, said: 'Please know that the love of Thetas everywhere goes with this gift.' The Friendship Fund is used solely for members of Kappa Alpha Theta. Our only revenue is from the pennies received at Founders' Day. So please be very generous with your pennies."

### *Margaret Banta*

**On Panhellenic fraternities:** "We are all satisfied that every fraternity has excellent material, and that the support and good will of Panhellenic is a mighty fine adjunct to our strength. . . . Our rituals may differ, but fundamentally they are alike, and we are all aiming toward the same goal. Since every fraternity has a stake in the reputation of every other fraternity, it follows that close relationships among the various chapters on any one campus are most desirable. I know of no better way to express my feelings about alliances with other fraternities than to quote an old Hindu proverb. It says, 'Help thy brother's boat across, and, lo, thine own has reached the other shore.'"

**On Public Relations:** "Public relations mean what you do, how you do it, and what people

think you do. What you say and think are not important if other people think differently. Therefore, the utmost tact and diplomacy must be used at all times. Public relations involves chapter courtesy, chapter attitudes, and above all, chapter cooperation and loyalty. . . . Are you doing all you can to help fraternities to exist? Are you positive that your loyalty is such that you are working for them and not against their existence?"

**On IRAC (Interfraternity Research and Advisory Committee):** "Because of the vicious planting of foreign agents in our universities, and because fraternities needed a clearing house . . . this organization was formed eight years



Margaret Banta

ago. Practically every campus in the United States has corresponded with the office, and many are of a highly confidential and important character. Every effort has been made to make IRAC a functional organization for all fraternities and sororities regardless of the parent organization to which they belong."

**On Theta:** "Joining a fraternity means an initiation, not into a chapter but into an international organization; into a sisterhood not of one group, but of many groups. The chapter may cease but the fraternity endures. The strength of the fraternity lies in the recognition of its solidarity."

## Off the Record



Every luncheon and dinner had a different theme and different hostesses, this being the Sunday luncheon given by the Ottawa Alumnae. The centerpieces on each table represented a different Province of Canada.

What the quietly efficient teletype machine could never reproduce:

The color and the atmosphere of old Quebec . . . the sound of the horse's hooves "clip-clopping" late at night . . . the picturesque streets too narrow to negotiate except by calèche . . . the little shops with their perfumes and woolens and antiques too intriguing to resist.

The graciousness of our Canadian hostesses, and the hospitality of our Chateau Frontenac hosts . . . the elevator boys who were having as much fun as the delegates, accelerating between floors at any rate of speed necessary to get Thetas to where they were going . . . and the way they used the elevator shafts as an echoing inter-com: "Got 12! Catch 6! Okay 3!"

The waiter who spoke seven languages . . . and the waiter who spoke French but couldn't read it, being very Irish. The way Convention Hall became a dining hall within forty-five minutes, as the staff hovered in the doorways ready to make rows of delegates' chairs become aisles of tables covered with fresh white linen in time for lunch. The rumor that the management had never seen so many perfect ladies . . . and the rumor that Canada was chilly, while we simmered in our summer dresses.

The gracious presentation of the lei from Honolulu to Ellen Hofstead during the Nike ceremony . . . the enthusiasm of Jeanette Grasett as she hurried to the microphone to make her announcements after each business session . . . and the efficiency with which the convention

committee, the executive committee, and the officers took care of every detail.

The trick way in which Mary Brandriff emphasized the importance of alumnae to the actives, as she asked the upperclassmen to stand and look to their right—at the section in which they would be seated at the next convention. The droll way in which Margaret Banta presented a large glossy picture of a gorilla at the last business session, to counteract the effect of her convention picture on the delegates. The emotional impact of Mary Julia Phares' film and commentary on the Institute of Logopedics at Wichita . . . and the careful way Mary X. Plummer had us repeat after her: LOG (as in log) O (short) PEE-DICS, explaining that the schoolteacher in her rebelled at the fancy ways we were saying it, when it was so simple. Helen French, being so very proud of her "quote" at the formal banquet: "In truth, the frosting is the very top" . . . which she was pleased to discover sounded so Shakespearean.

The frantic groping for railroad tickets, stubs, Redcap checks, and Who's Who's . . . the innumerable losses and recoveries of same. The frightening disappearance of luggage at the various stations, and the miraculous reappearance at the right place at the right time. The on-the-spot supper in Montreal, given by the Montreal Alumnae . . . and the interesting tour taken by those who were still able to get around.

The sounds and the sights and the charms of Canada, blended and served by the District Five hostesses, which topped our convention like the whipped cream on a sundae. Delightful!

Welcome to the new Alumnae Club in Asheville, North Carolina! Its president is Mrs. Jack A. Crawford of 57 Buchanan Place.

The convention co-managers, Margaret Stultz Cockrell and Jeanette Gemmill Grasett looked fresh as daisies, with an average of three hours' sleep a night.



## It Certainly Wasn't the Night Before Christmas, or Anything Remotely Like It; It was the Night Before Convention Which Is More Like Old Home Week, and Even More Fun Than That.

'Twas the night of Convention, when all through the train  
Every Theta was humming a cheerful refrain;  
The Special was speeding along with such care,  
Enroute to the Chateau—they soon would be there.  
Not a Theta was nestled all snug in her bed  
'Cause visions of Canada danced in her head.  
Alumnae in 'kerchief and actives in cap  
Had just settled down to start taking a nap,  
When back in the train there arose such a clatter  
Of voices that mingled with singing and, chatter.  
Away to the Song Fest they flew like a flash  
In pajamas and housecoats tied up with a sash.  
The Kite on the breast of each Theta did show  
A tangible sign of the ideals they know . . .  
When what to their wondering eyes did appear,  
But the songleader Hansen, to "Ring Out" a cheer.  
Songs were each sung with true Theta delight,  
Then they all went to bed with a pleasant "Goodnight."  
More rapid than eagles, the morning it came  
And Thetas were calling each other by name.  
From car number one on to number fourteen  
Were Thetas from everywhere frequently seen.  
The Special arrived in Quebec a bit late,  
But the officers all were so patient to wait  
While up to the Chateau, the Thetas they flew,  
With ideas and questions and wonderment, too.  
And then, in a twinkling, they saw in the door  
Their President Hofstead with greetings galore.  
As they checked in their rooms and rushed on to the  
meeting  
They were welcomed again by M. Paré's French greeting.  
Quebec was all ready in its summer best  
To provide everything but a moment for rest.  
A bundle of business was yet to be done  
Before anyone could have time for the fun.  
Grasett, how she sparkled, her welcome so merry,  
With plans for the tea and a ride on the ferry.  
Some speeches were made by our Thetas of fame,  
And all were quite proud of the prestige they claim.  
They learned of the money to save and to spend—  
How much they can borrow and how much to lend.  
Convention was planned for both labor and play,  
So the Thetas were busy through night and through day.  
But soon it was over (seemed as soon as it started)  
And suddenly all of the Thetas departed.  
They sprang to the train as it gave out a whistle  
And away they all flew like the down on a thistle.  
But t'was heard they exclaimed as they sped down the track,  
"What a wondrous Convention—let's plan to go back!"

• Carole Cole  
*Alpha Eta*



The convention staff had as much fun as anybody (and better costumes than most): Helen Hausmann Leister, Dorothy Vaaler, Helen E. Sackett, Margaret Stultz Cockrell, and Jeanette Gemmill Grasett.



The executive committee appear as six French poodles, complete with tails. But we'll let you identify them!



Adelaide Macdonald Sinclair stands beside a sugar replica of the Peace Tower, which is the central part of the Federal Building in Ottawa . . . symbolic of the Canadian government.



And song leader Mary Hansen of Omaha called up groups to the microphone. She looks on proudly as Kappa from Kansas sings.



Jessie Ray Hanna of the Loan and Fellowship Committee introduces Mary Esther Aguirre of Bolivia, recipient of the 1954 Fellowship.



Edna Mae McIntosh, nutritionist with Gerber Products Co., amuses her audience with some of her experiences.



Council grins during their few moments of leisure. Left to right: Ellen Bowers Hofstead, Grand President; Mary Forrest Brandriff, Grand Alumnae Secretary; Louise Holmberg Crawford, former Grand First Vice President; Elizabeth Lockridge Hogate, present Grand Vice President; Alletta Henderson Munz, Grand Treasurer.

## Around the Town

• Carol Sutton, *Alpha Mu*  
Pictures by Jane Brunsdale, *Gamma Nu*

Quaint and historic Quebec, a city steeped in tradition, offers innumerable fascinating sights to visitors. During breaks in convention proceedings, Thetas took many formal and informal tours in and around the city. Particular pleasure was found in a casual stroll through the narrow streets and into the little shops of the old French quarter below the Chateau Frontenac.

Very popular among the convening Thetas were sight-seeing tours by calèche, which are open horse-drawn buggies. Taken in the afternoon and by moonlight, the tours included visits to the Quebec Parliament Building, the statue of Jeanne d'Arc, and the historic Plains of Abraham, site of the battle between the armies of Generals Wolfe and Montcalm for the possession of Quebec.

A high point in the convention activities was the Theta tea at La Citadelle, an old fortress which is the summer home of the Governor-General of Canada and scene of the famous Quebec Conference of MacKenzie King, Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt during the last war.

More than 300 Thetas browsed through the Citadel's museum and strolled along its ramparts and walls overlooking the St. Lawrence River. The courtyard was flanked by the flags of all the countries, and Thetas sipped tea in the historic fortress as the Canadian Regimental Band played selections from "South Pacific."



Byrna Fisher and Carol Sutton look over the morning Kite.

Many Thetas took the bus tour past beautiful Montmorency Falls to Ste. Anne de Beaupré, a shrine about 25 miles north of Quebec City. Each year thousands of pilgrims journey to Ste. Anne where miracles of healing are said to occur.

Unhurried, modest, and faithful to custom, Quebec indeed proved an intriguing convention city and a thrilling experience.



Carol Overbye and Sue Reynolds of Gamma Lambda get ready to "clip-clop" through Quebec.

### In with the Tide

Catherine Miles of Gamma Epsilon, one of the girls who boarded the Special to greet the Thetas at London, Ontario, stopped in for a visit at Central Office en route to Santa Barbara, Calif. She graduated this past June from the University of Western Ontario of London, Ontario, and will return there this fall as a teacher in the physical education department.

Kay was a member of the Canadian-British Empire Games Swimming Team in 1950 and has glowing memories of their trip around the world to New Zealand via the Pacific and home via Australia and England, with time for a tour of Europe.

This past spring, Kay was the recipient of a handsome trophy awarded to the student who has contributed most to athletics in the University of Western Ontario.



They looked at the birdie: Sandra Trask, Josephine Stansfield, Joan Givler, Martha White, and Mary X. Plummer.



Over the fence to Orleans: Sally McKenzie, Nancie Thompson, Virginia Abell, and Barbee Stevens.



Helen Stoddard and Jean Fraser of New York; Alice Ann Morden of Portland; Dorothy Varstow of Burlington, and Anna May Burgess of Portland.



Auld Lang Syne . . . Helen Sackett and Adelaide Sinclair talk over old times.



Helen Sackett and Dorothy Vaaler catch a breath of air between chores.



Jane Mills and Jane Rose of Alpha, with Peggy Ward of Psi, rest near the board walk.



Joyce Tye of Alpha Lambda and Caroline Snook of Beta Epsilon check their identification tags.



Virginia Speidle Edwards of District Ten and Alice Lease Gonser, newly elected Grand Third Vice President come back to the hotel after a brief respite.





Louise "Begie" McCall, Anne Grisso, Jane Hamilton, and Helen Little swagger in their abbreviated idea of French maids.



A Psi of McGill gets amused at their own skit. Left right: Betsy Hill, Betty Jones, Dorothy Jane, Judy ton, and Harriett Abbott Smith.



Our Grand Alumnae Secretary sacrifices her dignity to French pastry, wielded by Willie Shattuck.



Mary K. Iverson of Des Moines holds two French poodles in tow . . . Phyllis Jensen of Drake, and Ardiss Johnson of Iowa State.

Two French pastries from Beta Delta, Arizona.





View of the river from the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec

Some thirty Thetas, three husbands, and a niece left the Chateau Frontenac at what seemed the crack of dawn after convention, taxied down the hill to the docks of Quebec, and boarded the S.S. St. Lawrence for their pleasure trip *down* the St. Lawrence and *up* the Saguenay rivers.

A row of deck chairs on larboard side was waiting for officers, and assorted lesser lights. The convention, however important, however worked for and enjoyed, was over—and Important People had no more cares for the present. Mary Brandriff, for instance, could forget for a while the responsibilities of alumnae. Or could she? As she settled into her chair with the relieved sigh of duties done and rest to come, she picked up a current issue of *Mademoiselle*, opened it at random, and saw staring up at her the title: The Good Alumna.

However, our good alumnae (and their husbands and their niece) did settle down to read and sleep and talk and eat and drink in the scenery. As was to be expected, there was talent on board. Mrs. F. D. Carpenter of Vermont analyzed our handwriting. She had taken up her interesting hobby during the war to help entertain service men and had become such an expert that she is now called in for consultation on problem adults in civilian life and government services. We shall not reveal the secrets that she revealed to us individually, but we will point to the fact that she found not a criminal among us.

The husbands (Mr. Hofstead, Mr. Munz, and Mr. Delony) were gracious and charming, as Theta husbands should be, and they concealed without the flicker of an eye the fear that was in their hearts: that they would have to dance with all thirty Thetas. Mr. Munz was willing and able to accompany any song the Thetas wanted to sing. And Mary Rosborough Hansen was on

## Up the River

• Josephine Piercy

board to direct the singing. On board, also, was the Sherbrooke Choir from Montreal, on a vacation tour, and who sang whenever the spirit moved them—to our great pleasure. One bright morning as we were moving from the black waters of the Saguenay into the blue waters of the St. Lawrence, this choir of businessmen were making music in the bow of the ship. Thetas, who had been modest about their own talents in the presence of these experts, looked down on them from an upper deck and suddenly joined them in song. The group below looked up with surprise and delight. For the rest of the journey there was many a burst of song by the choir and the Thetas, with Mr. Munz as accompanist and Mary Hansen as director.

But what of our journey? For quiet scenic beauty, the Saguenay trip cannot be beaten. The St. Lawrence is not so wide but that one can see the green hills and the little villages nestled along the shore and up the hills, each with its little church spire against the sky. Before we reached the Saguenay, we stopped for an hour at Murray Bay, a famous resort where many wealthy Canadians and citizens of the United States have their summer homes . . . among them that of the late Senator Taft. Here is a famous golf course and another of those fabulous Canadian Pacific Hotels, the Manor Richelieu. Our next stop was at Taddousac with its beautiful hotel that looks out on a bowling green and a bay where two rivers meet. Taddousac is quietly beautiful. "The gateway of the majestic Saguenay fjord," they call it—and the place of the first settlement of white men on the North American continent. One can imagine that the spectacle of the black mineral waters of the Saguenay flowing into the blue waters of the St. Lawrence has fascinated Indian and white men for centuries.

We made our way up the Saguenay in late afternoon and evening. It was after dark when we reached Cape Trinity, where flood lights from our boat discovered for us Our Lady of the Saguenay high on top the cliff. As she looked down upon our boat, the French Canadians on board sang *Ave Maria*, reverently, softly.

Reaching Bagotville about eleven in the evening, we docked for the night, first seeing off to shore a group of pathetic little orphans who had been on a short boat trip and had, from time to time, added their "music" to our entertainment on board. Their rendition of our national anthem

was nothing like we had ever heard before, but we were touched by their friendly gesture.

In the morning we started out early and saw by daylight the places that we had passed the night before. It was a day's journey back to Quebec where we bade adieu to our national officers. Most of us stayed on for a night's journey to Montreal and arose again at the crack of dawn for an early debarkation. After a few hours' of sight-seeing, we scattered our separate ways for home with the expectation of seeing familiar faces in Canada again, at Banff, two years from now.

## The Grand March



The Chateau Frontenac, with its length of lobby and library and hall, allowed ample space for the impressive Grand March of Chapters. The chapters were arranged according to seniority, and here we see Alpha and Beta chapters, led by Margaret Cockrell, about to ascend the marble steps to the dining hall. There was quite an audience along the sidelines.

# Anchors Aweigh

• Ann Ridings  
*Beta Epsilon*

Amid colorful streamers, singing, and good-bys, twenty-one excited Thetas sailed for Europe on the *Empress of Scotland*, leaving from Montreal. This was the beginning of five weeks of tours and sightseeing that was like a dream come true to most of us.

The ship arrived in Liverpool seven days after sailing. By boat train we proceeded to London and were met by our courier, Marcel Charpentier. We stayed at the Waldorf Hotel, where we met Barbara Churchman, who came over by plane, to join the group.

The next morning we were up bright and early to tour London, the Tower of London, and St. Bride's Church, which was built by Sir Christopher Wren, the inspiration for the centerpiece used on present-day wedding cakes. The Crown Jewels kept at the Tower are so beautiful it is hard to realize they are real. The guard was typically dressed in his bright red coat with brilliant gold buttons and black trousers, shiny black shoes and a huge shaggy black fur hat that came down over his eyes so far we wondered how he could see out from under it.

Next was St. Paul's Cathedral and St. James Palace. In this historic setting all ambassadors are received, and after the death of each ruler, formal declaration of the new ruler is still made from St. James. On we went to Buckingham Palace, which is rather bleak and grey, with gardens surrounding it colorful and beautiful. The changing of the guard is most interesting to watch. On the way to Westminster Abbey we saw Abraham Lincoln's statue, Trafalgar Square, and Big Ben . . . through the Abbey with its tombs of many famous people, and the high altar where Queen Elizabeth was married and crowned . . . on to the Parliament Buildings, and 10 Downing Street, the home of Prime Minister Churchill . . . and Madam Tussaud's Wax Museum.

We stopped at Dorchester-on-Thames for "a spot of tea" on the way to a tour of Shakespeare Country . . . The Cathedral Church of Christ at Oxford University . . . Stratford-upon-Avon

where we saw Shakespeare's birthplace, and lunched in the centuries-old White Swan Hotel. We visited Holy Trinity Church where Shakespeare is buried, and the cottage of Anne Hathaway, where every flower mentioned in Shakespeare's works is in the garden by the cottage. Then off to Warwick Castle, still inhabited by the Earl of Warwick and his family.

The next two days were free for shopping, with many lovely cashmeres and beautiful silver added to our possessions. It was fun riding the London Underground and famous London Red Buses, which were new experiences for many of us. Several visited Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe, immortalized by Charles Dickens. Crossing the English Channel to the Hook of Holland, we spent the night on the channel steamer, awakened by the stewardess in our cabin calling "wakey-wakey." Through customs, and on to The Hague. On this Sunday morning we drove to Volendam to see people returning from church in their colorful costumes. Over the Zuider Zee we crossed to the Isle of Marken, a small, quaint place where the inhabitants dress daily in colorful costumes; taking a boat to Amsterdam, a drive to Broek in Waterland, where we saw how Edam cheese is made. On we went to the Maurice Art Gallery, where many of Rembrandt's paintings are exhibited and then down by the rough North Sea to see the havoc caused by the devastating February 1954 flood.

Through Rotterdam the next day on our way to Belgium, we saw an old German prison camp and many quaint houses with thatched roofs. In Brussels, Belgium, we visited the Gate of Peace, Palace of Justice, Church of Notre-Dame, the famous Manneken-Pis statue and a lace factory. Most of us bought beautiful hand-made lace; several of the girls bought bridal veils.

A drive through the countryside to Cologne, Germany . . . Liége for lunch . . . a visit to the Aix-La-Chapelle Cathedral, which dates back to Charlemagne's time. Many were the bombed places through this country; even our hotel was



Some of the Kappa Alpha Thetas who sailed from Montreal aboard the 26,300-ton Canadian Pacific flagship *Empress of Scotland*, bound for Liverpool.

Left to right seated: Ann Garner and Mrs. Leo S. Garner of Norman, Okla.; Helen Sackett, Executive Secretary; Mrs. Mary V. McDougle of Urbana, Ill.; and Mary E. McDougle of New Orleans, La.

Left to right standing: Sally Rowe of Lawton, Okla.; Edwina Harrison of Fairfax, Okla.; Ann Ridings of Molalla, Ore.; Nancy Siebens of St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Gordon McNutt of Austin, Texas; Mrs. Harold Perkins of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Dorothy Foster of Rushville, Ind.; Marjorie Adams of Shawnee, Okla.; and Sue Sexton of Ponca City, Okla.

partially a shell . . . from Cologne to Koblenz, Germany, by bus, where we boarded our boat for a delightful trip down the Rhine River. It was a warm, sunny day and we could see old legendary castles and green vineyards on the hills, passing cities and villages of the Middle Ages.

From Baden Baden away we drove through the Black Forest of Fairy Tale fame, to Switzerland . . . through the mountains with the trees very green and the houses with very red roofs. We arrived in Lucerne, Switzerland, and went touring there the next day . . . to the Lion Monument dedicated to the Swiss Guard, the wooden Chapel Bridge built in 1333, and Richard Wagner's home. Several of the girls went boating on Lake Lucerne.

The bus ride to Interlaken was something most of us will never forget. The roads over the Alps were extremely narrow and treacherous and several times our bus had to back up to let other cars pass . . . from Interlaken, up to Trummelbach Falls through Lauterbrunnen Valley, with its typical Swiss chalets. From our hotel could be seen the beautiful Jungfrau Mountain.

Then on we went to Montreux, Switzerland, to the Castle of Chillon, and Lake Geneva. Away to France the next day, and to the St. Louis Hotel in Autun, where Napoleon and Josephine once stayed. On the way to Paris, we viewed the beautiful old Sens Cathedral and

Fontainebleau, retreat of the Bonapartes.

Our hotel in Paris was wonderfully located across from the Paris Opera House and near the Rue de la Paix . . . Paris, with its Vendome Square, the Eiffel Tower, the Arch of Triumph and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Church of the Madeleine, Les Invalides and Napoleon's Tomb, The Louvre, Sacre-Coeur Basilica, Notre-Dame Cathedral, the place of the Bastille, Trocadero, The Pantheon, Montmartre, and the Sorbonne. As a change that evening we went nightclubbing. And on we toured to Versailles and Malmaison, the elaborate and beautiful home of Napoleon and Josephine . . . through the gardens at Marie Antoinette's Farm, the Petit Trianon, the Temple of Love, and the Grand Trianon via the Avenue of Champs-Elysees.

That evening, dressed in our best, we attended the ballet at the Paris Opera House, which is elaborately decorated in Louis XIV style. Several walked down to the left bank of the Seine River and bought water colors and etchings at the quaint little sidewalk bookstalls. Shopping took up the next two days, then again, we "dressed" for the Folies Bergère. Journeys International gave us a marvelous farewell banquet, and after four wonderful days in Paris we left to cross the English Channel from Calais to Folkstone, England, and sail from Liverpool . . . home!



The District Presidents pose for the photographer in front of the Chateau Frontenac. Seated, left to right: Evelyn Widman Tunnicliffe of District One, now Grand Second Vice President; Harriett Glasser Kohberger, District Six; Maxine Rutledge Wilson, District Thirteen; Doris Hendeel Jones, District Three; Jane Campbell Krohn, District Fourteen; Jane Chadwell Delony, District Eleven Alumnae.

Standing, Mary Hamilton Ackerman, District Two; Dorothy Marks McNutt, District Twelve Alumnae; Dorothy Taft Garner, District Twelve; Virginia Speidel Edwards, District Ten; Elizabeth Whalton Little, District Eleven; Hazel Baird Beil, District Fifteen; Mary Janet Hamilton Blackburn, District Sixteen; Elizabeth Kerr Daly, District Seven; Doris Jenkins French, District Three Alumnae; Margaret Mower Stevens, District Five; Virginia Greelis Oliver, District Seven and Nine Alumnae.

Seated high on the cannon are Margaret Seaton Blevins, District Four, and Eleanor Elliott Ganz, District Eight. Alice Lease Gonser of District Nine, now Grand Third Vice President, is not pictured.



The judges, Mr. Louis Paré of the Quebec Tourist Bureau, Mr. George Jessup of the Chateau Frontenac, and Mr. Bernie Bierman, revered football coach from Minnesota, watch the costumes go by.

And then it was over . . .

# *For Services Rendered*

## **Tribute to Louise**

### **Louise Crawford Grand First Vice President 1950-54**

Alpha Omicron of Oklahoma looks at her own Louise Crawford with pride, and views with regret her automatic retirement from Council as Grand Vice President. But we feel firmly that the loss to Council will be Alpha Omicron's gain . . . for we know our Louise.

Through the various offices of Kappa Alpha Theta Louise Crawford has moved with poise, grace and assurance.

Blest with a rich university background, her father (the late Fredrik Holmberg) was the beloved Dean of the College of Fine Arts at Oklahoma. Louise was born into a university family of distinction, and from childhood moved easily and familiarly through this environment. Such heritage made her years as vice president easier for her, and much more profitable for those to whom she administered.

She was initiated into Alpha Omicron in 1929 and the next year began her many years' service to Kappa Alpha Theta by serving as their social chairman. During her school career she attended Northwestern for two years but was graduated from the University of Oklahoma, receiving both B.A. and B.S. degrees.

Louise was even more active as an alumna. She was president of the Norman Alumnæ Club and served on the advisory board of Alpha Omicron in every capacity except financial. Here her sound judgment, her farsightedness, her utter candor and her sense of fairness won the love and devotion of both college chapter and alumnae, placing her right in line for the position of

### **• Dorothy Kirk Preston**

District President. This was the beginning of nine continuous years of service to Theta.

As District President Louise helped each chapter in her district to face its problems



**Louise Crawford**

clearly and to work away their troubles through tolerance and understanding of each other. Her wisdom directed all of them to harmony in living and working together. In 1948 when Louise was elected to the newly created office of Grand Second Vice President, this district took great pride in sharing with all of Theta the extraordinary talents of this outstanding woman.

In 1950 Louise was elected to the position of Grand First Vice President and became Kappa Alpha Theta's "National Trouble Shooter." There is hardly a chapter in the United States and Canada that has not at some time during her tenure of office written thanks for her able guidance. She was especially interested and helpful to new struggling chapters.

Louise was re-elected in 1952. It was due to her perception that the custom of sending a member of the advisory board to convention was established. This district had a representative from each chapter at Quebec and always at the district conventions.

It is now 1954. Nine years of guiding Thetas to progressive planning and constructive living

## For Services Rendered . . .

has made Louise a leader of the young women of our country . . . of whom Alpha Omicron is very proud. She has a lovely daughter, Jamy, who is following closely in her mother's footsteps. We hope that, like her mother before her, she is destined to gladden the hearts of Thetas in the fall of 1958.

Just as Louise has always looked to the

future so *we* look to the future with interest and excitement, wondering what her next venture will be. I am sure that such a dynamic person, combining moral courage with integrity and experience, has a fascinating life before her. Wherever she may be and in whatever field she may enter many hundreds of us will cheer her on her successful way.

## Salute to Lillian

• **Carol Green Wilson**  
*National Historian*

### Lillian Wilson Philanthropy Chairman 1948-54

Loyalty to Theta responsibilities has been inherent in Lillian Wait Wilson ever since Alpha Iota chapter first placed a black and gold pledge pin on their attractive New York rushee. Because of her mother's death, she transferred twice, was re-pledged by Alpha Delta at Goucher and initiated by Alpha Kappa. At Adelphi, she served Theta as chapter president and the college as president of the student government association.



Lillian Wilson

During her twelve years of kindergarten teaching in New York she devoted five to the chairmanship of Alpha Kappa Advisory Board and one to the presidency of New York Alumnae. As Theta's representative she was on the original board that launched the national Pan-

hellenic Hotel (now Beekman Tower) in New York.

Following her marriage to Dr. Harrison B. Wilson, a Beta, their white-columned home on Cherry Lane in Tallman, New York, became a center of Theta hospitality. And it was here that Johanna Hudig, Theta Fellow from war-torn Holland, was welcomed to America.

By this time Lill was a District President, serving what was then Seven—later Three—from 1943 to 1949. In the final months of that term she carried double duty, having been appointed to succeed Helen French as National Philanthropy Chairman in November, 1948.

During those years Lill had helped colonize and install Gamma Mu at the University of Maryland and Gamma Kappa at George Washington University. With reluctance District Three relinquished their president to wider service, confident that Lillian Wilson would carry into that the same breadth of vision which had colored her visits and the district conventions of her planning.

True to expectation, the record of the years during which her enthusiasm reached into Theta hearts everywhere has demonstrated to the outside world that the kites we wear symbolize ideals of useful service.

Lill was part of the Officers' Conference in Colorado from which the first official word went out concerning Theta's Relief and Rehabilitation Program in 1945. Those excitedly-typed words

told the world of memorial libraries for the Merchant Marine, honoring our own who had given their lives in war; of fraternity-wide sponsoring of the Foster Parents Plan, through which some chapters had begun to adopt war orphans; and of support to the Institute of Logopedics.

Although the Convention of 1946 decided to continue the Foster Parents Plan only so long as needed, changing world conditions have increased rather than diminished that service. Lill's reports show that present and former Theta foster parents have contributed 309 years of assistance to children—a total of more than \$65,000.

To the Institute Theta has given \$106,000—annual contributions increasing from \$7,808.32 in 1958 to \$23,000 in 1954. Thirty-four chapters have received Life Memberships for gifts of \$1000 or more.

Out in Wichita a "Theta Court," consisting of three four-plex residences, with central play and lawn area, is nearing completion, at a cost

of \$120,000. Here children whose parents could not otherwise afford residence for them during the treatment period will be given the chance to live useful lives.

All this has happened because contributions have poured in from all Theta sources as Lill has lived, talked and reported *Philanthropy*. Seven pages of the 1954 report, prepared with the co-chairman, Mary X. Plummer (Alpha Nu), show how alumnae have raised their money; four more list local charities. Beyond this are college chapter and memorial gifts and the large income from the Magazine Agency.

The facts, figures and human interest stories that fill the bright yellow pages of the "Philanthropy Review" reflect deep devotion and philosophy.

Lillian Wilson now concludes six years as Chairman; but she will never conclude her active interest in Theta or its philanthropy. By constant example she has given us a living definition of the words in her slogan: "To LIVE is to GIVE."

## On with Philanthropy

Following in the footsteps of her competent predecessor, Mary X. Plummer will succeed Lillian Wilson as Philanthropy Chairman. She has had two years' of experience as co-chairman in this important field of service, and her enthusiasm for our Theta projects will doubtless continue to push upward the ever-rising scale of interest which has been manifested in our national philanthropies.

There is no point at which Theta can sit back and say, "It's finished!" Always ahead is another means of assistance, another need to be filled . . . so that Philanthropy can never become a thing accomplished, but must remain always one more obstacle to overcome, before the next.

*"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."*

## Suite 575

There's a new assistant at Central Office in Chicago, to help the incomparable Helen Sackett and her staff pour over particulars. There was a note to that effect in the last issue of the magazine—that Dorothy Schultze Vaaler was at work with the staff in Suite 575. An understatement, really. She was also at the Quebec convention, tearing through the corridors on errands, and competently assisting with details . . . followed by a rugged initiation in office technique when Helen, long needing a rest, took off for Europe.

It's wonderful knowing they are there, where all matters of data and information are on record. As Ellen Hofstead said of Helen: "I feel that one person, our beloved Executive Secretary, Helen Sackett, deserves very special mention. Her position requires a unique variety of talents—executive ability, tact, patience, real diplomacy combined with a complete willingness to serve 'far beyond the line of duty.' Believe it or not, she has them all and combines with them the humility of a truly great person."

Nice place, Central Office. . . .

## Credits . . .



Irene Miller

### Housing Chairman 1952-54

Irene Combe Miller of Omicron, retiring Housing Chairman, has a history of many years of devotion to Theta.

Irene served as president of the Los Angeles Alumnae chapter in 1945-47, and at the district convention in 1947. She was elected District President of what is now District Seven. One year later she was elected to Grand Council as Grand Alumnae Secretary. At the following Grand Convention, she was honored by being re-elected for another two year term. At the close of the 1952 Sun Valley convention, Irene was appointed Housing Chairman. This she felt was her forte because her family interest has always been real estate.

Alumnae groups in Southern California have benefited by her generous nature. Her home has

## To Irene Miller

• Carol Defever Spicer

been opened often for talent sales, benefits and any Theta gathering. She is a willing speaker for club and chapter programs. Recently she was guest at the Orange County annual luncheon, where she gave the highlights of our recent convention at Quebec.

It was she who helped organize the Pasadena Junior Alumnae group in 1947 and is very proud of their accomplishments. They have adopted as their project, the Girls and Boys Aid Society and have contributed over 500 hours in painting and decorating the club house.

She has particularly enjoyed working with the college chapters and has served at many Omicron initiations. In spite of the many hours she has devoted to Theta work, Irene has also been an active member of the Mills College Board and served as president of the Round the World Club.

We are many who say thank you, Irene Miller, for your leadership and unselfish service to Theta.

## To Lalise O'Brien

• Helen E. Walker  
*Alpha Phi*

### President of District Eleven—1954

It is with great regret that District Eleven has learned of the resignation of Lalise Moore O'Brien as president, due to pressure of the duties of a full time teaching position at the Louise S. McGehee School in New Orleans.

All of us know Lalise as one of the most loyal of Thetas, the person on whom one can depend to see that everything goes right, and to whom one can turn to straighten out any kind of trouble. We all know of her impressive list of

interests and activities dating from her student days, when she was president of the Alpha Phi college chapter, to recent years, when she served as president of the Newcomb Alumnae, representative to the Tulane University Alumni Council, and president of the Louise S. McGehee School Parents' League, as well as working in many capacities with the college and alumnae chapters of Alpha Phi. Lalise has been an inspiration to all of us in District Eleven and she will be greatly missed as our district leader.

## To Lois Harris

• Charlotte Brunk



Lois Harris

### Magazine Agency Chairman 1947-54

Lois Brown Harris of Des Moines, who has been head of our Magazine Agency for seven years and who resigned that position this fall, declares it was all a delightful and rewarding experience, that it gave her a great inner satisfaction in those years to know that she was helping Thetas in their philanthropic work.

As subscriptions to current publications mounted under her leadership, so did the money that went from the Agency to the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita, Kansas. During her years of service Lois has increased the annual volume of business from 8,000 to 12,000 and has watched checks grow plumper that went from the Agency to the Institute.

It was such fun, says Lois, to write to and hear from Thetas in so many places, in such distant horizons as Hawaii, South America and Canada.

And then to go to conventions and meet these pen friends she had made while getting orders for the Agency.

The Agency work has been only one of many fine jobs Lois has done for Theta. For years she has been active in Indiana and Iowa Theta projects. She helped enthusiastically and tirelessly in the establishment of the three Theta chapters in Iowa, has been a constant friend, adviser and worker for them since.

What final words would she leave as she retires from the Agency? Why, "more subscriptions . . . and more and more and more!"

## To Marjorie Montrose

### Press Relations Chairman 1950-54

Our attractive Fellowship recipient of 1952, Marjorie Montrose, has succeeded in being both student and active alumna. It hasn't been easy to study in the graduate school of Columbia, be Press Relations Chairman, edit the *Kite*, and have a little time left for living, too. Now, finishing her course, in the School of Education, she is retiring as Press Relations Chairman in order to give full attention to her studies. She is contemplating her thesis based on "The Relationship of the College Dean to the Fraternity."

As a final magnificent gesture, Marjorie put out five fascinating issues of the *Kite* at Grand



Marjorie Montrose

Convention, gave her report on Press Relations, wept a few tears of fondness, and departed for Columbia University . . . leaving behind her a host of friends and admirers.

Her report at convention explained that the

first two years of the chairmanship in press relations primarily involved clarifying its position, and helping each chapter become aware of its responsibilities to the press. During the next two years, on which she was reporting, the chapters began to respond in increasing numbers—producing some fine work in publicity which had appeared in the local newspapers.

"It would seem to me that we are ready for the next steps of making this a fraternity-wide activity," she said. "We need now to turn our

attention to the problems of individual chapters and the peculiarities of their own localities. . . . We feel no need to force ourselves on the public. Our objective is to present ourselves in the press in a dignified, honest and mature way in order to clear up any misunderstanding concerning the fraternity's aims and activities. Thus the place of each chapter, press relations wise, is part of our several desires to present ourselves, personally and through press releases according to the ideals we hold so dear."

## To Jeanette Grasett



Jeanette Gemmill Grasett

### Convention Manager 1948-54

With the ending of the Quebec convention, everyone was disappointed to learn that Jeanette Gemmill Grasett was retiring as convention chairman. Many present at that convention could scarcely imagine one without her, for it was the

third of which she had been manager . . . and the eighteenth she had attended.

One of our most beloved of Thetas, Jeanette has given invaluable service to the fraternity for many years. When in college, she was president of Tau chapter at Northwestern, and since then has served Theta in many capacities . . . having been President of District Two, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Grand Treasurer for ten years, Grand President for two years, and Convention Manager for the past three conventions.

Anyone knowing Jeanette has been aware of her outstanding ability for organization and administration, as well as her vital interest in the welfare of the fraternity. Her quick wit, her abundant energy, and her love of fun have added much to each convention.

Everyone will miss her, for she has worked hard and managed efficiently. Surely we'll see her at the Banff Springs Hotel in 1956? Surely! Things just wouldn't be the same without her. . . .

### And thanks to Helen . . .

Appreciation and "thank you's" go to Helen Hansman Leister, who was assistant convention manager at Quebec. She not only did a splendid job in charge of the Theta Special and registration, but everyone at the Chateau appreciated her ready smile and willingness to help in any situation.

It's the Banff Springs Hotel for Convention in 1956—June 24th to 30th.  
We'll be seeing you!

# "Dear Ruth"

• Maxine Rutledge Wilson  
*District Thirteen President*

*The above title "Dear Ruth" refers, not only to an excellent play, but to the excellent handling of material and letters, so addressed, during the last four years. These can, over such a period of time, be estimated to run into thousands. With two important additions (or editions) named John and Margaret, Ruth retires as editor . . . and picks up the title of "Mom."*

We of the fraternity owe a vote of thanks to Ruth Jones Stuhr, our retiring editor, for a piece of work exceedingly well done. Those of us from Beta Kappa chapter and Des Moines are used to having capable, unassuming Ruth succeed at any task, so we were not too much surprised when she was chosen for the difficult position of succeeding L. Pearle Greene as our editor.

Ruth was president of her pledge class, initiated at Grand Convention at Spring Lake, New Jersey in 1938, and became president of Beta Kappa chapter in 1940. She entered Drake on scholarships and earned three more before receiving her degree in journalism along with her Phi Beta Kappa key and membership in the organization which is now Mortar Board. While wielding the gavel for Beta Kappa chapter she also held the position of editor of the *Quax*, Drake's yearbook.

Following graduation Ruth returned to Drake, completed the work for her Master's degree in Philosophy, instructed some classes in introductory philosophy, worked in the admissions office and edited several curriculum booklets and pamphlets for other colleges throughout the country. She was well on the way toward her doctorate at the University of Chicago when romance interfered in the person of former classmate (and also journalism major) Bob Stuhr who had spent several years as a liaison Army officer in China. In 1946 Ruth and Bob were married, went to Washington, D.C., and a few years later returned to the Drake campus when Bob accepted the newly created position of Alumnae Secretary. He now heads the Public



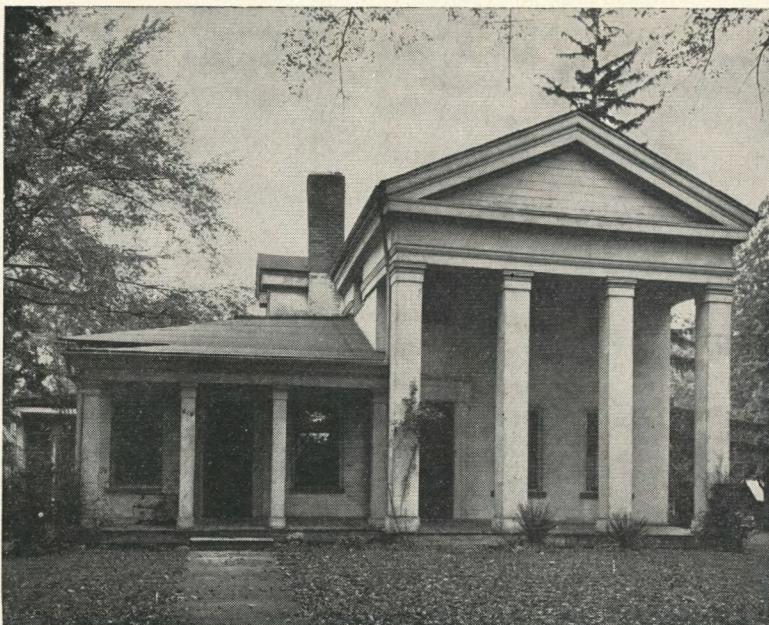
Ruth Stuhr

Relations Department of the University so that he and Ruth are still very much a part of the college scene both locally and nationally.

Ruth has always taken an active alumnae interest in Kappa Alpha Theta, serving, among other positions, as scholarship advisor to Beta Kappa chapter. In 1949 we were very proud to have her be the first member of her chapter to be elected to the office of District President and in 1950 our pride mounted when she was appointed as editor of our magazine. Then in 1951 John was born and this very active, robust and handsome young man had a sister, Margaret, born in 1953 who is equally active, and attractive.

Somehow, there came to be not enough hours in the day for two new babies in the home-music- and fun-loving Stuhr household with the many campus and civic affairs which Bob and Ruth must attend . . . and the Theta magazine, too. So Ruth resigned as editor and is now catching up with her sleep, her household and herself.

The magazine has steadily advanced during her editorship, as Theta itself has advanced, and many are the thanks to Ruth for her years of earnest, faithful and enthusiastic service to Theta.



The one story part of this gracious old house at Albion College, which has been newly decorated, will be used for meetings of the re-established Pi chapter.

## *Out of the Past*

• Mary Ellen Read

The opening of college in 1954 finds Kappa Alpha Theta's newest group, recently re-activated at Albion College, quartered in an apartment in this gracious old house on Cass Street until time and funds make it possible to build a permanent lodge. These rooms will be used only for meeting purposes for at Albion College all women students live in the dormitory.

An Advisory Board and a House Corporation Board have been functioning for some months. During the summer, the apartment was completely renovated and decorated, and a committee worked zealously to furnish the quarters attractively and suitably. Several alumnae groups and interested individuals made contributions for this purpose.

Two colonizers from other chapters, a few upper class pledges, and a number of actives

from nearby college chapters started the rushing season on September 15 in competition with the six other Nationals already on the campus.

The original Pi chapter was established at Albion in 1887, but its charter was revoked by the national council in 1908 for variously reported reasons. However, a small group of loyal alumnae of those early days have continued to meet regularly and have maintained a constant interest in Kappa Alpha Theta hoping always for the day when Pi chapter would be re-instated. Their delight at the fulfillment of this dream can well be imagined.

Enthusiasm, interest and hard work on the part of many alumnae and actives promise a flourishing Pi chapter of the future, one of which every Theta may be justly proud.

Just watch this chapter grow. . . .

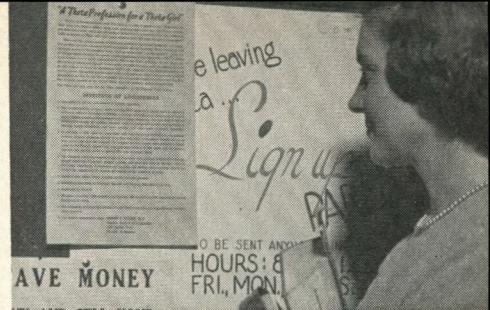
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Interesting developments are expected in the Pi chapter story at Albion—and like an exciting serial, it will be "continued in our next."

Harriett Jones of Florida State, Beta Nu chapter, is the recipient of a scholarship in speech training at the Institute, awarded by the Washington Alumnae chapter.

## Career for a Theta

• Ethel Umphrey  
*Institute of Logopedics*



A Theta profession for a Theta girl—these words are apropos to the position of Alice Lou Campbell. She is from Beta Omega chapter of Colorado College, now engaged in learning the profession of logopedics at the Institute in Wichita, Kansas, Theta's national philanthropy.

Alice's initial interest in this field as a profession stemmed from a picture in the Theta magazine showing Dr. Martin F. Palmer, founder and director of the Institute, teaching a group of college students. The caption extolled the fine opportunities presented by this profession, but at this time she was engrossed in her job as medical secretary for a clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma, so she merely put the magazine article aside for future reference. Five years later she was to come across the same article, inquire into the possibilities presented therein, and enter into a new field of study and endeavor that would bring her the closeness to humanity and the fulfillment that she had been seeking . . . the field of bringing communication to children living in a world of silence and frustration.

Her life had been diversified and interesting even before Alice came to the Institute to study logopedics. At Colorado, where she was pledge trainer of her chapter, she majored in French. When a ground course in flying was offered by the Women's Division of the CAA this enterprising young woman emerged the winner of a scholarship consisting of eight hours of dual instruction.

In 1945, she became affiliated with the Foreign Service of the United States at the American Embassy in Paris. Aside from the excitement of her work, life in Paris was made pleasant by luxurious living quarters shared with two co-workers at a very economical price. During her year and a half there, Alice made short trips to Germany, Denmark, Switzerland and Italy. Late in 1946 she returned to the United States and moved to Tulsa where she worked as a medical secretary through 1952. The urge to travel had not yet been satisfied so she joined

a study tour that was to circle the globe, visiting all countries that had changed their form of government since the war. This included Japan, the Philippines, India, Pakistan, and Israel. A delay of two weeks because of the longshoremen's strike in Los Angeles made the tour miss boat connections in Hong Kong, so India and Israel were visited by airliner.

Upon her return to the United States, Alice decided that she was a very lucky person to have good health, education, and to have seen so much of the world—its beauties, struggles, its poverty and its luxury. She had come to the conclusion that if one possessed health, energy and brain power, it was wrong and selfish to spend it only on one's self; these things should be shared with the less fortunate. Speech and language—and children—had always been close to this young Theta's heart, and when she investigated the facilities at the Institute for helping bright, eager youngsters break through the wall of silence surrounding them, Alice felt she had found her forte. In the fall of 1953 she enrolled in the graduate division of the college of education at the University of Wichita. She now



Alice Lou Campbell of Colorado College, Beta Omega chapter, works with one of "her" children at the Institute.

has 27 hours in logopedics and 630 hours of observation toward a goal of 30 hours in logopedics and 864 hours of observation. She will attain her master's degree in about a year and a half.

In addition to her studies Alice teaches, under supervision, a case load of 12 children. They present a variety of speech disorders such as retarded speech, articulatory defects, stuttering, and aphasia—a type of brain injury. The children range from five to ten years of age. The affection they feel for their soft-spoken, warm hearted teacher is evidenced by the little seven year old girl with a severe articulatory defect and faulty voice quality who shied away from contact with anyone but her parents. Now she must kiss Alice good-bye and the child willingly carries out her home practice because "teacher wants me to." Then there is a little four year old with very retarded speech. He is a tiny fellow and of sweet disposition, but he did not seem

to respond until Alice found the key to arousing his interest—machinery. Lessons often involve a trip to the equipment room where all sorts of responses are elicited from him in the excitement of seeing the machinery and how it works. The rapport necessary between teacher and pupil is often a delicate thing and must be sustained.

All of her children are interesting to Alice. She sees in each one the individual needs that she with her specialized training can supply. In her own words—"I wish that more Thetas—especially those who are interested in teaching—would consider the field of logopedics. This work is stimulating, very rewarding, and a constant challenge that must be met. It is a profession with a heart and an opportunity to give of yourself to each child you help to habilitate. I believe that if all Thetas could view their philanthropy from my position, the field of logopedics would have an influx of new workers."

"We must be aware that all NPC groups are working toward the same general objectives, and put emphasis on fraternity membership. . . . Let us unite our efforts in working for the development of a better Panhellenic spirit."

—ELLEN HOESTEAD

## Pin Parade

- **Garnet M. Burns**  
*Gary Alumnae Editor*

For the third year Gary, Indiana, has made its annual Panhellenic Pin Parade. It was held at the Hotel Gary this year during August. Each graduating high school senior interested in Panhellenic sororities, with committees drawn from all Greek letter organizations, was invited to the Crystal Ballroom, where an affair of their own was being held. Each girl was given a pin and a small bouquet of flowers.

As one entered the lobby, she was asked to register at a table, giving her name and sorority. The new high school graduates were also asked to register, and ~~el~~ <sup>el</sup> ments were given to each person for identification. The high school girls received green freshman caps; the actives, college pennants, and the alumnae, black mortar boards.

On the balcony, as each person ascended the stairs, she was greeted by alumnae from the various sororities. Girls already identified by their tags were asked what school they planned to attend, and an alumna took her to the booths which had been set up to represent each university. Actives of different sororities from that particular school were there to answer any questions she wished to ask. There were also yearbooks, pennants and various university publications which could give the girl a small cross-section of the aspects of life on campus.

Tables and chairs were set up in the ballroom around a main ramp on which the fashion show was to take place, and a refreshment table manned by sorority members offered cookies and punch to the guests. The table was decorated

with a beautiful centerpiece of each sorority's flower.

Then the entertainment began. First was a skit written by some of the more talented alumnae. This year's play concerned a Dean of Women, a Panhellenic president, and a prospective rushee. The rushee, by the way, was Della Rose Phillips of DePauw, a Theta pledge. The Dean of Women, portrayed by an alumna, was asked many and varied questions about sorority life, its advantages and its purposes. The costs of pledging and initiation were explained, as were many false interpretations of sorority life.

The fashion show was the high point of the evening, with the clothes being strictly college fashions presented by one of Gary's largest women's shops. Our mistress of ceremonies picked a prospective co-ed from the audience to sit on the stage as a participant in "This Is Your Life" . . . around the clock in college fashions. The models were all college girls who had been pledged during the past school year, and Thetas were proud to have Barbara Burns, a pledge of Beta chapter, to do such an outstanding job. The Around the Clock fashions started with sweaters and skirts for morning classes, down through date dresses and on to the dormitory for lounging and sleeping.

Even the alumnae who had long since abandoned wearing college fashions enjoyed the beautiful display of styles.



Barbara Burns, Theta pledge at Indiana University, models for the Panhellenic Pin Parade.

The whole evening was successful and achieved its purpose, which was to introduce the girls to college sororities as a group—and give them an idea of their purpose and function. The actives, home for summer vacation, enjoyed meeting girls they would soon be seeing on their own campuses. And the alumnae were glad to have the opportunity to bring both rushees and actives together for a night of fellowship and entertainment.

## And a Cup of Tea

- **Sylvia Cannon**
- **Sue Bennett**

*Alpha*

Alpha went to England! Not literally, of course, but the air around 904 S. College was thick with broad "a's," old lavender, and cups of tea last year.

It all began when a Theta junior, Janet Sage, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Russell Sage, Indianapolis, got a gleam in her eye to study in England. At the same time, at Southampton University, England, Betty Samphier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Samphier, St. Albans, got the same idea. What happened? Janet went to

Southampton and Betty was with us at DePauw.

We won't know the details of Janet's visit until she returns to this country; but as for Betty, she arrived in the height of fall rush. Undaunted by the ~~fantastic~~ confusion, Betty put down her bags and pinned on a name tag. We still aren't sure if Betty rushed the freshmen or they rushed her. There was little talk of weather, orientation, and new classes that year.

Betty won an important place in the house



Betty Samphier

and our hearts. Her wit and sparkling conversation, not to mention the endless questions, became dear to us all. Perhaps our biggest thrill came on March 13, when Betty was initiated. She was awarded "the Girl of the Week bracelet" for answering the telephone while we were busily debating affairs of the day in fraternity before her initiation. But Betty's experience didn't stop there.

After a brief visit with her parents, Betty will return to this country to continue her studies at the University of Arizona. She has been granted a full tuition scholarship and will make her home with the Arizona Theta chapter during her stay there.

While Betty is studying in the West, Adrienne Nail will be at Southampton. Adrienne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Nail, Indianapolis, will study in the liberal arts section of the University. She plans to return in August of '55. Adrienne's exchange student, Jackie Pimm of Southampton, will be with the Theta chapter at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana.

We feel we have been fortunate to share in this experience of practical international cooperation. We have learned a great deal from our exchanges; and we hope they will go home with a closer understanding of our American life.

### *Letter from Betty*

At this point in the semester I am getting quite sentimental—I'm sorry you'll have to take my word for it. As we sit at dinner I glance 'round and wonder what you will be doing in—let's say—five years.

It seems a long time since I first met you. I'd tried to work out how you'd be, but seeing that I based my ideas on films and tourists, my picture couldn't be called accurate by any means. I often wonder if I looked as lost as I felt that first day.

It didn't even seem that we spoke the same language. Whose idea was it to get those flowers? They made all the difference—even if I didn't know what to do with them, I felt that I was welcome and knew that once we had struggled over the initial misunderstandings, (remember them?) I should be able to talk about "us" instead of "you" and "our" house instead of "yours."

I learned a lot during those first few weeks about things and people. Some of it will probably influence what I think and do to the end of my days. That's philosophy for you!

I never meant to be difficult; (at least not often) but it's odd being a foreigner for the first time. Just little things completely fooled me; and then with the stress on foreign student (it was probably half in my mind anyway) I felt myself being swamped by Americans (Give me my due—I've never used the word Colonials). Now I know that it doesn't matter if you call biscuits "cookies" and I call trucks, "lorries." Neither does it matter that you probably believe that America won the war; and I think it couldn't have been done without England. National pride is great but friendship and understanding are far greater. That's what you have taught me; and which I in turn will try to pass on.

I've enjoyed living in the House so much. At this point I pause in order that Marilou and Marty may receive my sincere admiration at weathering so bravely the storm of being "my room-mate." Since initiation I have felt that I belonged here. Thank you for that. I got tired of answering telephone—but seriously my pin will always be one of my most treasured possessions for it symbolizes the friendships I have made in the house.

I can't help feeling that Arizona is going to have an easy time with their foreign student—she knows the ropes. That you know is why I have to go home this summer—refresher course on England. Well—

Thank you for everything—from the typewriter I have borrowed unbeknowns (you're a doll Nancy) in order to type this to the privilege of sharing with you the experiences of this year.

My time at the House on the Hill is one I shall never forget; and if on leaving I don't shed a tear, put it down to that strange phenomenon, English reserve.

## Cotton Contour

• Peggy Eichelsdoerfer

When Hope Skillman (Alpha Delta) founded her cotton textile firm on April Fool's Day just ten years ago, people thought she was playing a trick on herself. The effrontery of a woman to think that she could carve a name for herself in the rough, tough and predominantly male textile industry amazed well-wishers and future competitors alike.

Yet this small blonde woman with the twinkling blue eyes not only made a success of her business, but she made fashion history along the way. By presenting fine quality "cottons with ideas" season after season, she gradually broke down the fashion barriers surrounding this once lowly fabric. Today her name is linked closely with elevation of cotton to "Blue Book" status. Hope Johnson of the *New York World Telegram and Sun* calls her the "Super-Weevil."

Hope specializes in fine woven cottons that she designs and develops herself. She experiments with color and texture, combining artistry with textile "know-how" until she gets the right tweed mixture, the rich tapestry effect, or luminous damask weave that she wants. Because she is a perfectionist, she believes that imagination must go hand-in-hand with the best quality obtainable.

In the early days of her business, launched during the war, her ingenuity was taxed to the utmost. Everything from dyes to labor was as scarce as igloos in India, so she was faced with the task of creating beautiful cloth out of a bagatelle of materials. Her "White Coffee" group, ushering in the neutral beiges and sandy tones, was created when lack of bleaches during



Hope Skillman

the war made it impossible to get a clear white.

On a slow wartime train trip to California one winter she noticed the striped denims that trainmen wore—narrow stripes for the engineer's cap, wider stripes for the fireman's gauntlets, and so on until she had counted twelve different stripe patterns. The result of this trip was her "Dressed-Up Denims," the first cotton collection to admit the "workman's fabric" to high fashion circles.

It was this kind of invention that caused one fashion woman to remark recently, "What Rembrandt is to painting, Hope Skillman is to cotton." For today her fabrics are seen everywhere—in dresses by Adele Simpson, in sports clothes by Tom Brigance, in town suits by Arthur Jabbow, in rain or shine coats by Bonnie Cashin, and in hats by Lilly Daché.

A native of St. Louis, Hope Skillman attended art school both here and abroad. She worked for a time as assistant editor of an art magazine in New York, but after missing a few lunches decided that paychecks were more important to her than Picasso. She joined the de-

signing staff of a large textile house, working her way up to become the first distaff head of the cotton division.

She heads her own million dollar cotton textile firm today, and is the only woman in America to do so. From spacious offices high up in a green-and-glass skyscraper in the heart of Manhattan's fashion row, she directs the weaving, dyeing, and finishing of her cottons, assisted by a small staff of just twelve women. That way, she says, she has a good cross-section of her buying public right in the office. "If the girls like a new fabric, it can't miss."

In private life, Hope Skillman is the wife of Saul Schary, prominent American artist, and the walls of her office are lined with many of his paintings. The Scharys live in an old Federal town house tucked away in New York's Greenwich Village.

Always alert to the need for further developments in her "favorite fabric," Hope Skillman at the ten year mark continues to experiment with new textures, weaves, and color mixtures that will be translated into the fashion wardrobes of millions of American women in the seasons ahead.

## • For the General's Lady

• Drue Goodwin Lytle  
*Beta Xi*



Mary Quayle Bradley (Mrs. Omar), wearing pikake lei (third from the left) was honored at a tea given by the Honolulu Alumnae chapter in July. Others admiring the dark red cattleya from the Fred B. Carter, III, collection are: Denise Beyt of Port Arthur, Texas; the hostess Mrs. Carter; Charlotte Hall and Marianne Swisher of Kansas City, and Mrs. Robert T. Williams.

One of the many pleasant island compliments paid Mrs. Omar N. Bradley, wife of the well known general, while she was on vacation in Honolulu with her family, was the tea given in her honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Carter, III. There was a multi-strand pikake lei for the honored guest who was charmed by the elaborate display of orchids throughout the Carter home, products of Mr. Carter's skill at his favorite hobby.

Hostesses were the Honolulu alumnae chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta of which Mrs. Bradley was a member when she and her husband had duty in the islands in 1927. As an undergraduate, she was a member of Alpha Mu chapter.

The distinguished general's lady said that the entire family consisting of their daughter, Mrs. Henry S. Beukma, and grandchildren, Henry, Bradley and Ann, were enjoying a relaxing vacation at their seaside quarters at Fort DeRussy.

Their mainland home in Brentwood has been built since the general's retirement and Mrs. Bradley said they take great delight in it, since it is the first house the constantly-moving army family has ever owned.

Other special guests at the tea who enjoyed the spectacular view of Diamond Head and the sea from the Carter's Lurline drive home were visiting Theta coeds enrolled at the University of Hawaii for the summer. They were Denise Beyt of Tulane University here from Port Arthur, Texas; Beverly Baker, also of Port Arthur, whose eyes sparkled as she said, "Ah stood up on a surf bo'ahd today. First tahn!"

Others were coeds from Southern Methodist University, Nancy Lee Huber, who hails from Chicago, and Diane Hall of Littlefield, Texas. Another Texan was Nita Carol Cervin who teaches in Dallas.

From Fresno College in California were Donna Estes, Joann Quinn, Dorothy Joyal and Beverly Daniels. Most of the girls admitted that their "studies" at the university were on the light side, mixing swimming, music appreciation, Shakespeare and ceramics with one basic course that seems always to be a "must"—hula.

# Mother Nate

• Marjorie Sullivan Reed

Seventy years in Theta is a long time. It is almost as if such a destiny were planned for Ruth Evans Nate, for during the same month and year that Kappa Alpha Theta was born in a neighboring state, Ruth was born in Broadwell, Illinois . . . soon to fulfill a lifetime of fraternity love and service. Being an orphan, she lived with her grandparents at Broadwell until, very young, she entered prep school at Illinois Wesleyan in Bloomington, Illinois. She was pledged and initiated into Delta chapter that same year.

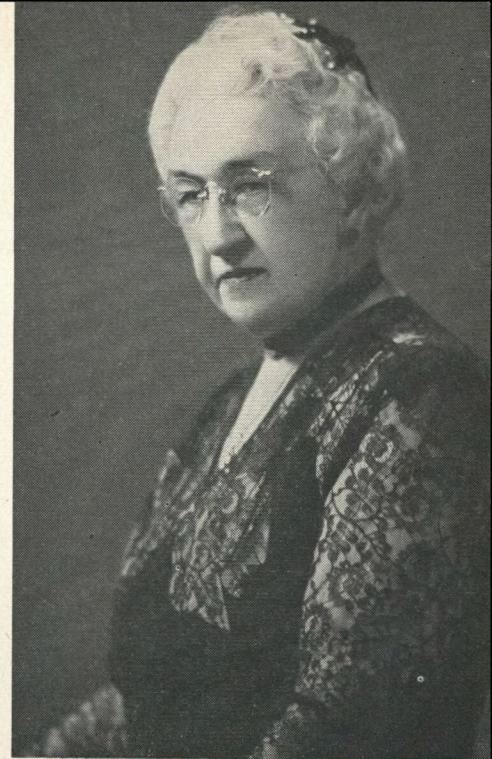
Graduated from Wesleyan College of Music in 1890, Ruth Evans was married on November 12, 1892, and became Mrs. Joseph C. Nate. Her husband was a friend of her college days at Wesleyan in the 1880's, a Sigma Chi, and at that time a promising young attorney.

During the year of her marriage, *The Souvenir* (Wesleyan publication) gave her this tribute: "The Souvenir presents today an excellent picture of a lady whom Wesleyan loves to honor for her pure character and her lively, genial disposition . . . a lady who as a student had none but friends and as a Theta was admired for her practice of the noble admonitions taught in sorority hall."

Following her marriage to Joseph Nate, the newly-wedded couple departed for Berlin, Germany, where Mr. Nate entered the University of Berlin to study law. During this interval on the continent, Ruth Evans Nate continued her musical education, as well as studying and visiting many of Europe's finest art galleries. The greater part of Mother Nate's married life following their sojourn in Europe was spent in and near Chicago, where her husband practiced law and later became a Methodist minister.

The Nates had three children: Mrs. Ronald Rike of Maplewood, N.J., Mrs. George Liljestrom of Denver, Colorado, and Joseph C. Nate, Jr., who was lost in an air accident during World War II.

It was in 1914 that Joseph C. Nate, Sr., became a national officer of Sigma Chi, and most



of the last forty years of his life were devoted to official Sigma Chi business. In his capacity as Grand Counsel of Sigma Chi, Mr. Nate traveled to many college chapters. While he was visiting the Sigma Chi chapters, Mother Nate would visit the Theta chapters, never losing for a moment her interest in Theta.

When Mr. Nate died in 1933, Mrs. Nate moved to Denver to live with her daughter Betty. For three years she served as housemother for the Thetas at Colorado College . . . having been "drafted" by the girls. She also helped to found the Sigmas (National Sigma Chi Wife's Association) and was given an honorary life membership to that group in 1933.

Through her contacts with both Theta and Sigma Chi, Ruth Evans Nate became affectionately known as "Mother Nate" to both. The *Sigma Chi Magazine* refers to her as "The Champion Theta."

Mother Nate's unerring adherence to Theta ideals; her perseverance in the quest for better fraternity life everywhere; her independence of character and thoughtful guidance of our young people; her faith in the true worth and merit of all fraternity life marks her as an outstanding force for good in national fraternity life.

We proudly salute Mother Nate . . . a fine character, an understanding and brave heart, and an unfailing inspiration to us all in the quest for nobler womanhood.

## Thoroughly for Theta

• Andrea Ginocchio Pelter

### Mrs. Dean Duke



The coveted Housemother's Pin from Council was presented to Mrs. Dean Duke at the senior breakfast on Sunday, May 23, in the Terrace Room of the Hotel Mapes in Reno, Nevada. The pin, a Theta crest mounted on a black onyx pansy, bordered in gold, represents a minimum of ten years of service.

Mrs. Duke is from a pioneer Nevada family; she is a great grand daughter of the second Governor of Nevada, Lewis R. Bradley, who was largely responsible for the establishment of the University of Nevada. A graduate of the Anna Head School in Berkeley, California, Mrs. Duke had the opportunity of studying under the personal supervision of many outstanding educators including Miss Head, herself. After graduation, she continued her studies in Europe. Upon her return to the United States and Nevada, she married cattleman Dean Duke, who passed away in 1937. Her son Bradley Duke, with his wife and daughter, Nanette, resides in Reno.

Mrs. Duke became Beta Mu's Housemother in 1939. During the fifteen years she has been an active participant at several of the annual Housemothers' conventions at which study is made of budgeting, meal planning, and dormitory administration. In 1945, Mrs. Duke was one of the six to receive a Kappa Alpha Theta award. This award was presented to Mrs. Duke in recognition of her outstanding service as Housemother during the difficult years of World War II.

As the active chapter president, Adamae Gray, presented Mrs. Duke with the Housemother Pin the Thetas rose in a standing ovation. When asked to tell the highlight of the fifteen years, Mrs. Duke replied, "It would be difficult to choose any one outstanding event; the years have all been a happy, harmonious experience."

Dean Elaine Mobley, Dean of Women at the University of Nevada, perhaps best expressed



Mrs. Dean Duke

the sentiments of Beta Mu when, at the district convention at Squaw Valley, Lake Tahoe last year she said, "Mrs. Duke is the best Theta on campus." Beta Mu feels much of the success of the chapter and its members is due to Mrs. Duke and her ever-guiding hand. Mrs. Duke's host of friends in Reno rejoice with Kappa Alpha Theta in this recognition.



### Mrs. Mary Dieckmann

To the average young girl just entering college a sorority is a new and wonderful world of itself and it can mean many things. Its influence upon a seventeen year old may be positive, negative or of little consequence at all. Much, of course, depends upon the girl herself; much depends upon her colleagues; much, although

we may not realize it at the time, depends upon that essential feature of sorority life—the Housemother. She can, unfortunately, be little more than a housekeeper. She can be a gracious social hostess. In a few, rare and happy cases she can be not only these things but a true mother to her girls in the deepest and best sense of that overworked word.

Fortunate indeed is the chapter whose members can turn—as readily and as naturally as they would to their own mothers—to their Housemother, whether for guidance, counsel, or merely sympathetic and mature understanding of their own particular problems. In recognition of this, Kappa Alpha Theta several years ago established an award—the Housemother's Pin—which, like the military's "Medal for Merit", was to be conferred upon its recipients not lightly or in a merely perfunctory sense, but in those exceptional cases where a Housemother has indeed served her brood "above and beyond the call of duty."

On May 25th of this year a group of Omega Thetas was privileged to confer upon Mrs. Mary Dieckmann—their beloved "Mommie Dieck" of happy college memory—the Housemother's Pin, in appreciation of her devoted, inspiring and selfless service to thirteen "generations" of Thetas at the University of California. From 1932 through 1945 Mary Dieckmann presided over the chapter house at Berkeley with grace and warmth and dignity. To the Thetas who passed through the university during those years

- Virginia Lyon Gideon
- Joan Skinner Smith

*Omega*

she was truly a second mother. None failed to profit from the example she set, because she was in every sense a "gentlewoman", rare though that creature maybe, and withal, a strong and steady hand. Those of us who were fortunate enough to know and live with her came to feel that she was the very embodiment of what a Kappa Alpha Theta should be, and yet, surprisingly, she was not a Theta at all!

Mary Dieckmann, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Hopps was born, as might be expected, in the South—in Savannah, Georgia. She attended a finishing school in New York, however, and while visiting a room-mate in California met and married Frederick T. Dieckmann in 1906. The untimely death of her husband shortly after the World War left her with the responsibility of raising two young girls, Mary and Darcy. This she did with the same spirit and courage, and with the same success that she was to enjoy in her years with Kappa Alpha Theta at Berkeley. In 1931 she answered the plea of an old friend to lend a hand at Christmas time to the chapter where her daughter, Mary, was an active member. She stayed until illness forced her resignation in 1945.

Not a Theta in the literal sense of the word, Mary Dieckmann has become, in the opinion of her girls, the best Theta of them all!

## That They May Serve

- Betty Phillips

*Washington Alumnae Editor*

The two \$500 scholarships for training in speech correction, offered to students at George Washington and Maryland Universities by the Washington Alumnae chapter, were granted this year to Marietta Hawes Schneider of Gamma Kappa chapter, and to Carol Jean Bender, a Delta Gamma. Any young man or woman interested in making a career in speech correction is eligible, and applications are filed with Dr. Calvin Pettit, director of the Speech Clinic at George Washington University, or Dean Harold

Cotterman, dean of the faculty at the University of Maryland.

With the adoption of the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita as the Theta national project, interest in aiding the speech handicapped has increased throughout the country. The Washington alumnae inaugurated their scholarship program several years ago to help students interested in training for a career in that field. So far, eight persons have been assisted.

The winners this year are well qualified.



Little Deborah Rich of West Hyattsville, Md., and Barbara Cohen Wolf (center), assistant at the George Washington University Speech Clinic, give a demonstration lesson for Blanche Annette White Halleck (Beta), wife of the majority leader of the House. Mrs. Wolf is studying speech correction at the university on a scholarship awarded by the Washington Alumnae chapter.

Marietta Hawes Schneider is the daughter of Alice Shackleton Schneider (Mrs. Russell) of Tau chapter. Marietta transferred from Ohio Wesleyan and has maintained a high scholarship record at George Washington University. She is taking a special course on speech training at the University of Wisconsin this summer, in addition to the splendid work she did last year at George Washington.

Marietta is the second Theta to receive one of the scholarships from the Washington alumnae, the first one being Harriet Jones from Florida State who received a \$1,000 scholarship for

training at the Institute of Logopedics.

The second recipient, Carol Jean Bender, has been attending the University of Maryland and will be a senior this fall. She is minoring in psychology, is a member of Sigma Alpha Eta (speech and hearing honorary), a member of the Women's Chorus, the volley ball and bowling teams. She is particularly interested in children with delayed speech, and was chosen from an unusually outstanding class in speech correction at the University.

The money which supports this scholarship program comes from the sale of Christmas cards, for which the Washington alumnae have built up a large clientele. There is also a rummage sale held each spring, a traditional activity in the community, the proceeds from which are shared with the Maryland and George Washington chapters.

### Mr. Rotary Prefers Thetas

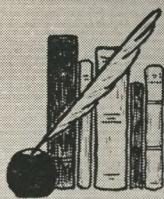
Not being Rotarians, we shall skip lightly over the responsible position recently accorded Mr. Herbert J. Taylor—that of President of Rotary International, which will doubtless add more to his 37 lines of type in "Who's Who." He said "Naturally you would not refer to me in the Theta magazine, anyway." Naturally.

Instead, we call attention to his wife, Gloria, standing beside him. She was a member of Tau chapter at Northwestern, as are daughters Ramona (playing the piano) now Mrs. G. Robert Lockhart, and Beverley, now Mrs. Allen W. Mathis, Jr. To make the caption even more Theta in context, Gloria's sister (Mrs. Elliott Youngberg of Winnetka, Ill.) was also a member of Tau, and Mr. Taylor's sister Helen (Mrs. W. B. Butner of San Angelo, Texas) was a member of Beta Pi chapter.



# Books by Theta Authors

• reviewed by betty briggs



**Stillmeadow and Sugarbridge**, by Gladys Taber and Barbara Webster, J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia and New York, 1953. \$5.00

Gladys Taber (Alpha Psi) is a favorite of many readers who eagerly await her "Diary of Domesticity" in *Ladies' Home Journal* each month. Those who have read any of her twenty-seven books or "tons of magazine articles" will not want to miss *Stillmeadow and Sugarbridge*, an exchange of letters written from her farm in Connecticut to her friend, Barbara Webster, in the Pennsylvania countryside. The book is charmingly illustrated by Edward Shenton, Barbara's husband, who is an artist and verse writer as versatile as the two lady scriveners.

His sketches not only enliven the book, but he was also its inspiration. In reply to my inquiry, "How did you and Barbara Webster decide to publish your delightful letters?" Gladys Taber replied:

"The story of *Stillmeadow and Sugarbridge* is one of those happenstances—Ed Shenton was my editor publisher for a long time and Barbara and I had written letters for a number of years with Ed adding post-scripts and notes. So he called up long distance one night and said 'Why don't you girls get your letters together for a book?'

"It was fun to do, but making a smooth book from letters is not an easy job. The editing was terrific, but Ed did that as well as the illustrations.

"It was chosen by the Family Book Club and has been very successful."

The book is as smooth as a literary relay race with one author picking up an idea, racing ahead with it to be carried forward by the other member of the team. Gladys Taber has been referred to as the Connecticut Country-woman specializing in cookery and cockers, but here is talk of more than cuisines and canines. The authors share views on books, writing, music, people, on day-to-day experiences, and the beauty of the changing seasons. Though it is a lively book full

of activity and growing things, it brings a hush to the spirit with its gentleness and peace.

Barbara Webster introduces herself as writer, gardener, chief bottle washer, and dog trainer. Her pet "Duke," a Great Dane, and "Chief," the horse who is her companion on gallops about the countryside, are very much a part of her life.

If you long for good, stimulating talk, too often silenced by TV or canasta, if "conversation via paper" is to your taste, read *Stillmeadow and Sugarbridge*.

I enjoyed the talk of favorite authors, Edna St. Vincent Millay, John Keats, Katherine Mansfield, John Marquard, John Hersey, and Franz Werfel. This dynamic discussion sent me dashing to book shelves to reread authors I had loved in college and courting days, and lost awhile. What a joy it must have been to the students to share Gladys' Taber's enthusiasms when she taught at Columbia University and Lawrence College. It was at Lawrence College that Gladys was a Theta and completed her work for the Master's degree. Wellesley was her Alma Mater in undergraduate days.

College Thetas who are students of creative writing will be interested in Barbara's talk of her struggle to discipline herself to long hours at the typewriter; in Gladys' effort never to use two words if one can carry the meaning. "Words themselves are so terribly intoxicating that it is hard not to use them, just for the sound and texture they have."

Gladys reveals her philosophy about writing in one of her letters: "It is the business of the writer it seems to me, to illuminate life in such a way that when the reader puts down a book, he feels his spirit strengthened. It is a solemn responsibility to portray human beings so as to give the reader compassion, understanding, and a sense of the value of life."

It is because *Stillmeadow and Sugarbridge* does just this, that I returned the library copy I had, and ordered one of my own.

The chapter headings are named for the

twelve months of the year in which Barbara and Gladys discuss the variations in life in the changing seasons. I reached the end with regret wishing that the calendar could be stretched to a baker's dozen.

*The Comstocks of Cornell*, by Anna Botsford Comstock (Iota). Cornell University Press, Ithaca, New York, 1953.

In 1929, the students at Cornell University dedicated their yearbook "to John Henry Comstock and to Anna Botsford Comstock, partners in science, as in life, by all revered as Scholars, Teachers, Writers, and dear to many a student generation by reason of their open home and helpful hearts."

When Anna Botsford entered Cornell in November 1874, the university was in its sixth year. Anna, who had lived on a farm in Cattaraugus County, New York was thankful that she was a country girl accustomed to bad roads for there were no sidewalks between her boarding house and the university. Though buildings were crude, Cornell was not a bleak place because of the glorious views of Cayuga Lake, and the warm spirit of friendliness in students and faculty.

Anna had entered Cornell because she thought it was a good place to get an education. It seemed to have all the advantages of a university and a convent combined. She had been warned that the boys wouldn't pay any attention to the girls. To her surprise, a young Brazilian student invited her to the Thanksgiving ball and she sent home for the evening dress she thought she would not need.

In February of her freshman year, John Henry Comstock, a young, energetic and enthusiastic zoology instructor called on Anna. She was in his science class and admired his clear way of presenting a complicated subject. He found her gay, intelligent, and friendly and asked to sit next to her at meals, and took her on long "nature study" walks. In 1879 they were married. Anna was not too busy washing, ironing, and cooking for guests who flocked to their cheerful home, to attend lectures with "Harry," copy his manuscripts, make diagrams to illustrate his lectures, and keep his laboratory in order.

In 1882, Anna then a mature and thoughtful young woman, was invited to join Kappa Alpha Theta, the first sorority established at Cornell.

As Anna wrote, "I was too democratic, and too catholic in my tastes to be in sympathy with any organization that was exclusive, and I had little use for secret societies of any kind." Had it not been for the advise of President Andrew D. White whose counsel Anna sought, Theta might not be able to claim this distinguished member. President White strongly advised Anna to join this first sorority because she might have a "wise influence on the group and also upon the relations of sororities to each other when others should be established."

After forty-eight years, Anna wrote in her memories, "Membership in the sorority has brought me many fine happy friendships and enriched my life by the close companionship of noble women. . . . With all due modesty, I think I have exerted my influence. . . . in three directions: the maintenance of friendly relations between the sororities, the widening of sympathies and interests of my sorority sisters, and the impressing, upon the members of my chapter, of a sense of their responsibility to their sisters and to the university."

To John Henry Comstock belongs the credit for developing the Department of Entomology and Invertebrate Zoology at Cornell University, when both Cornell and "Harry" Comstock were young. In 1872 when Harry was a mere sophomore, he was asked to lecture on entomology during the absence of the regular professor. Except for leaves of absence to teach at Stanford University, to serve as entomologist in the United States Department of Agriculture for two years, and to travel and lecture in Europe, Professor Comstock's work centered in Cornell. Even after his retirement from the faculty in 1914, he was elected to represent the faculty on the Board of Trustees. His life and work are inseparably interwoven into the fabric of Cornell University whose pattern he helped to create and enlarge.

In recognition of his contributions to science, John Henry Comstock was made Honorary Fellow of the Entomological Society of London and of the Société Entomologique de Belgique.

Anna Botsford Comstock was equally distinguished in the field of nature study. Anna entered Cornell because women were admitted on an equality with men. She became an instructor and in 1914 was given a professorship, the first woman elevated to this rank at Cornell where

she was head of the Department of Nature Study. She was the author and illustrator of many books on nature study used in schools and colleges. She lectured in the United States and Canada using her influence "to fight narrowness, prejudice, and injustice in the curriculum of the common schools."

Because of her contributions to the field of nature study, the League of Women Voters in 1923 named Anna Comstock one of the twelve greatest women in America. Among others honored at the same time were Jane Addams in social work, Carrie Chapman Catt in politics, Minnie Maddern Fiske in the theatre, Louise Homer in music, Julia Lathrop in child welfare, and Edith Wharton in literature.

Although *The Comstocks of Cornell* is dedicated "to fellow entomologists, to other scientists, and to the students and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Comstock," the book will be of interest not only to scientists and Cornellians, but to lovers of the lore and history of New York State. It is a valuable contribution to Americana, telling of sailing vessels on the Great Lakes in the 1860's on which Henry found jobs in his teens, of the first telephone at Cornell, the second typewriter in the United States Department of Agriculture, used by the Comstocks, and the struggle for recognition of women.

*The Comstocks of Cornell* was edited by Glen W. Herrick, and Ruby Smith Green, member of Phi chapter and sister of L. Pearle Green.

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## Alberta

**Married:** Grace Hope to Archie H. Dickson, April 24, 1954. Mary Sterling to George Lynch-Staunton, July 24, 1954. Patricia Bice to Alfred J. Coneybear, Aug. 18, 1954. Selma Hamilton to Samuel Hardin, July 31, 1954. Dorothy Livingstone to Earl Lomas, July 3, 1954. Marilyn Hymas to Peter M. Nettleton, July 24, 1954. June Richards to Ian Ferguson, July 16, 1954. Irmadell Stanley to Colin Kerr, July 10, 1954. Audre Liden to Harold Giebelhaus, Aug. 4, 1954. Peggy Chambers to Dennis O. Ryan, Aug. 7, 1954. Rita Dickson to Dr. Venor Calhoun, Aug. 21, 1954. Mary Lou Lister to Allen B. Armstrong, Aug. 28, 1954. Audrey Rigaux to Del McRae, July 3, 1954. Margaret Visser to Ronald Southern, July 30, 1954. Flora Morrison to Dr. Ted Allison, Sept. 18, 1954.

**Born to:** Mr. and Mrs. William Gladstone Jewitt (Doris Carver) a son, William James, July 12, 1953. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sinclair (Betty Kaiser) a son, Alfred. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Sanden (Ester Mahon) a daughter, Katherine Esther. Mr. and Mrs. Garth Olmstead (Norma Ryan) a son, Timothy Garth. Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Mason (Doreen Porter) a daughter, Jane Carol. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Francis (Marion Williams) a daughter, Nancy Robertson.

## Allegheny

**Married:** Jane C. Miller to Harry William Fritts, April 18, 1954. At home at 144 Broadlawn Drive, New Kensington, Penn.

**Born to:** Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Mitchell (Pat Pickett) a daughter, Cameron, March 17, 1954.

## Arizona

**Married:** Bettye Dammier to William Neil Griggs, Oct. 17, 1953. At home at 1619-B Parker, Amarillo, Texas.

**Born to:** Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence Jones (Darien Ainsley) a daughter, Lucinda Ann, August 6, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bonugli (Elaine Abbate) a daughter, Dianne, Feb. 3, 1954 in Albany, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Granger Cook, Jr. (Joan Tallett) 1834 Knollwood, Lake Forest, Ill. a son, June 1, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tribolo (Shirley Lewis) 2813 E. 18th St., Tucson, Arizona a son, James Scott, Dec. 1, 1953.

## Beloit

**Married:** Marilyn C. Perene to Norman M. Albright Dec. 31, 1953. At home at Apt. 12-A Grade School Drive, Waynesville, Missouri.

**Born to:** Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vernon Shaffer (Bernice Mutimer) a daughter, Cary Rhodes, Jan. 15, 1954.

## British Columbia

**Born to:** Mr. and Mrs. William J. MacIntosh (Audrey Crease) a daughter, Lindsay De Frayne, Nov. 30, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Farnham Zolling (Glenna H. Gillis) a son, David Farnham, Feb. 2, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Jellicoe (Glyn Yeomans) a daughter, Linda Margaret, May 31, 1954.

## Butler

**Married:** Jacquelyn Ann Pashley to George A. Heineman Nov. 7, 1954. At home at 621 Woodland Lane N., Northfield, Ill.

Nancy Ahrbecker to John Carlton Backus, June, 1954. At home at 1105 South Street, Lafayette, Ind.

Carol Ann Fleigenschmidt to Leo Ingersoll Miller, April 3, 1954. At home at 5588 Waterman Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Patricia Joan Coate to Dr. H. Richard Casdorph, June 26, 1954. At home at 5470 Capitol, Indianapolis, Ind.

Ruth Patricia Chandler to Hans Oskar Tiderman, July 2, 1954. At home at 6132 Compton Road, Indianapolis, Ind.

Sarah Jane DeVeany to Robert F. Whyte, 1954.

**Born to:** Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Robertson (Patricia Rowe) a daughter, Janet Ellen, August 12, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Shover (Nancy M. Harkless) a son, Kevin Robert, Feb. 22, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Haskins (Dorothy Masters) a daughter, Ann Elizabeth, April 9, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neal Stewardson (Virginia Hite) a son, Richard Lee, June 4, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Edwin Wilks (Eleanor Pangborn) a son, David Allen, April 28, 1954.

## California

**Married:** Barbara Hayes to Shepard Martin Jenks, Dec. 19, 1953. At home at 901 California St., San Francisco 8, Calif.

## California, L.A.

**Married:** Marilyn Jane Boehm to Robert C. Burns, Aug. 21, 1953. At home at 5020 Persimmon Ave., Temple City, Calif.

Phyllis Patterson to William Allen Sawyer, Dec. 17, 1953. At home at 2350½ S. Bentley Ave., Los Angeles 64, Calif.

Shirley Woodland to Herbert Sibbet Botsford, Dec. 19, 1953. At home at 11855 Darlington Ave., Los Angeles 49, Calif.

**Born to:** Mr. and Mrs. Gerald G. McNutt (Patricia Crouch) a son, Grady Gordon, Oct. 16, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warran Ullman (Clorice L. Curtice) a son, Robert Curtice, Feb. 6, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingsland Brown (Ann Marie Garland) a son, Grover Garland, March 13, 1953.

## Carnegie Tech

**Born to:** Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Daniel Dupre III (Barbara Mathews) a daughter, Candice Lee, Sept. 8, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Williamson (Annora Wehn) their fourth child, Sept. 13, 1953.

## Cincinnati

**Married:** Leslie Frances Nelson to David N. Gorman, Oct. 24, 1953. At home at 2516 Highland Ave., Cincinnati 19, Ohio.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Willard McLeish Thomas (Peggy Westerman) a daughter, Patricia Lynn, March 12, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Elmer R. Tollesen (Helen Louére Funke) a son, Scott Bernt, Sept. 27, 1953.

### Colorado

*Married:* Mary Louise McNerney to Gerald Allen Talbert, June 20, 1953. At home 500 East 11th Ave., Denver, Colo.  
 Robin Amsbory to Jerome K. Full, Dec. 5, 1953. At home at 206 Lilac Lane, Grand Junction, Colo.  
*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Wallace (Shirley Culbertson) a daughter, Margaret Ellen, Nov. 17, 1953.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunbar Callard (Joanne C. Lang) a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, April 21, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Monfort (Pat McMillen) a son, Richard Lee, April 27, 1954.

### Colorado A & M

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Gibson Gene Goodman (Mary Link) a daughter, Sharon Lucile, March 7, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Weiland (Margaret Bettinger) a son, Mark Robin, May 19, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Cummins (Dorothy Dexter) a son, March 11, 1954.

### Colorado College

*Married:* Gale George to William A. Rhea, Dec. 16, 1953. At home at 2120 Delaware, Berkeley 9, Calif.  
*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stuart Otto, jr. (Elizabeth L. Davis) a son, Henry Stuart III, Aug. 19, 1953.

### Connecticut

*Married:* Jessie L. Armstead to Herman F. Marshall, Nov. 28, 1953. At home at 18 Church St., Wethersfield 9, Conn.

### Cornell

*Married:* Dorothy Hope Dewey to Robert Arthur Goodding, Dec. 23, 1953. At home at 3737 Meier St., Venice, Calif.  
 Carol E. Brock to Lawrence Myers Bugbee, June 5, 1954. At home at 1057 South Plymouth Ave., Rochester, N.Y.  
*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. John Droz (Betty Scheidelman) a son, Martin Hayes, March 26, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wesley Engelbert (Georgia Elizabeth Gunson) a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, April 13, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald Miles Johnson (Elizabeth N. Jones) a daughter, Deborah Gove, Nov. 17, 1953.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidt, jr. (Doris Tingley) a second daughter, Carolyn Jean, May 22, 1954.

### Denison

*Married:* Charlotte A. Burer to Richard L. Voss, July 18, 1953. At home at 1055 Richwood Ave., Cincinnati 26, O.  
*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. William Leachman Ullman (Jean Lockhart) a daughter, Jennifer Lou, July 26, 1953.

### DePauw

*Married:* Barbara A. Fleer to Philip R. Albright, March 20, 1954. At home at 2286 Williams St., Palo Alto, Calif.  
 Jane Greer to Dean G. Lauritzen, May 24, 1953. At home at 2815 St. Elmo, N.E., Canton 4, O.  
 Birdie Spedding Van Dervort to Leo B. Tobey, Aug. 25, 1953. At home East Lansing, Mich.  
 Susan J. Sawens to Paul Theodore Nelson, June 11, 1953. At home at 60th Tac, Recon. Wing, 30th Tac. Recon. Sq., APO 030, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

Mary Bredlinger to Horace S. Woodland, July 11, 1953. At home at 1904 Coles Blvd., Norristown, Pa.

Patricia Ann Wylie to James Burchard Carr, Oct. 17, 1953. At home at 4465 Marcy Lane, Indianapolis, Ind.

Marcia Finley to S. Chadwick Smith, April 14, 1954. At home in Melrose Park, Ill.

Marilyn Stevenson to George G. Morrison, jr., June 26, 1954. At home at 3470 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Mary Ann Hall to Harry E. Stewart, July 17, 1954. At home at 1904 Coles Blvd., Norristown, Pa.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frederick Barnard (Jessica Baker) a son, Robert Frederick, jr., June 13, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Robert Jordan (Sandra Brooks) a son, Thomas Robert Jordan, Nov. 20, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Daus, jr. (Carolyn Schwentker) a daughter, Sarah Adele, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray John Miller (Nan Warren) a son, Kim, June 3, 1954.

### Drake

*Married:* Jean Lee Cunningham to Martin L. Pellers, Oct. 3, 1953. At home at 3816 Lincoln Place Dr., Des Moines, Ia.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Caldwell Beckham (Jacqueline Joanne Blunk) a daughter, Mildred "Karen," Dec. 6, 1953.

Dr. and Mrs. Lee Edward Brewer (Ann Ridgway) a daughter, Susan Rae, May 2, 1954.

### Duke

*Married:* Betty Becker to John Reid Taylor Sept. 26, 1953. At home at 2218 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill.  
 Marilyn Black to Thomas Oliver Nuttle, May 22, 1954. At home at 176 Brandon Rd., Baltimore, Md.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Gerhart Schott Suppiger, jr. (Mary Jeanne Bradley) a son, Gerhart Schott Suppiger III, Aug. 15, 1953.

Lt. Cmdr. and Mrs. James H. McGhee (June McCall) a daughter, Molly Shannon, March 26, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Quarles (Edith Tynes) a son, William Fisher Tynes, March 13, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Hawkins (Lurissa Wright), twin sons, William Allen and Richard Wright, Feb. 27, 1954.

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Ellsworth Hunter (Jody Jones), a daughter, Kristin Terry, Aug. 1, 1954.

### Florida State

*Married:* Janet Adele Little to John David Rodeheaver, jr., Nov. 25, 1953, in Miami Beach, Fla.  
 Pauline Tuttle to Dale Moorehead Blocher, Oct. 30, 1953. At home at 3825 Paeo Navarra, West Palm Beach, Fla.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Lafayette Kennedy (Susan Coolidge), a son, Hayes Lafayette, jr., May 31, 1954.

### George Washington

*Married:* Madeleine Barry to Capt. Miles C. Goehausen, May 6, 1953. At home at Fort Brooke, San Juan, P.R.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Dan Norman Cross (Nancy C. Roberts), a son, Dan Stuart, April 26, 1954.

### Georgia

*Married:* Eleanor Jones to Richard Rafe Grant, Nov. 7, 1953. At home in Cornelia, Ga.

Erskine E. Forgy to John Edward Feldman, May 8, 1954. At home at Eden Roc Dr., Lattingtown, L.I., N.Y.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henry Mallory (Georgia Hammett) a son, Richard, born in Germany Sept. 7, 1953.

**Goucher**

*Married:* Adele Mae Winkelblech to Hewlett Swidmore Stone April 20, 1954. At home at R.D.D. #4, Westminster, Md.  
 Nancy J. Hinkle to Stuart H. Wright, June 30, 1954. At home at 517 Ocean Ave., Lynbrook, N.Y.  
 Dorothy Louise Hayman to Harold E. Young, May 22, 1954, in Detroit, Mich.

**Idaho**

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Warren Adams Taylor (Marilyn Jean Bauer) a second daughter, Carol Jeanne, Sept. 16, 1953.

**Illinois**

*Married:* Mary Jane Pearson to George R. Eshelman, Nov. 28, 1953. At home at 239 North Dennis Ave., Decatur, Ill.

**Indiana**

*Married:* Ann Schafer to Walter Frederick Steidle, June 6, 1953. At home at 6150 Dryden Ave., Cincinnati 13, Ohio.  
 Valette Edlene Chellew to Andrew Fillebrown Underwood, June 19, 1954. At home at 5114 Graceland Ave., Indianapolis 8, Ind.  
 Ruth Jacquelyn Rian to Charles Henry Grisemer, May 8, 1954. At home at 3868 Forest Grove Dr., Gary, Ind.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Philip Havens Brown (Martha Frances Dunn) a son, William Hogan, March 15, 1954.

**Iowa**

*Married:* Jeanne Winifred Ruhling to Charles Allison Hoagland, jr., March 6, 1954. At home at 1951 Rosemary Hills Dr., Silver Spring, Md.

**Iowa State**

*Married:* Patricia Warrington to Donald N. Langenberg, June 20, 1953. At home at 12241 Gorham St., Los Angeles, Calif.  
*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Toussaint (Jean Bleuer), a daughter, Barbara Ellen, April 21, 1954.

**Kansas**

*Married:* Elizabeth Swigart to Stephen Rarig Ellsworth, July 30, 1954. At home at 1803 W. Monroe, Sandusky, Ohio.  
*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Ajas Kiae (Anne Louise Scott) a daughter, Anne Elizabeth "Lise," Feb. 20, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moddrell, jr. (Jeanne Peterson) a daughter, Feb. 11, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. D. Ray Frisby (Phyllis Doane) a son, Feb., 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. James Olander (Carol Forbes) a son, April 3, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arthur Anderson (Betty Sue Roberts) adopted a 5 months old baby girl, Addie Roberts, Feb. 23, 1954.

**Kentucky**

*Married:* Mary Breck Bonta to Harvey Graves Clayton, jr., June 13, 1953. At home at Raleigh Rd., Wilson, N.C.

**Lawrence**

*Married:* Jean Christensen to Robert Bergenthal, June, 1953. At home at 7550 N. Crossway Rd., Milwaukee 17, Wis.  
 Ruth Ann Olson to David F. McGuire, July 11, 1953. At home at 1008 N. Third St., Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Nancy Campbell to Dan Wynn-Ye Kwok, Sept. 15, in Appleton, Wis.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Harnish (Marilyn Donohue) a daughter, Susan Jane, May 31, 1954.

**Maryland**

*Married:* Phyllis Jean Mattingly to Richard Judd Evans, March 6, 1954. At home at 3470 39th St. N.W., Apt. 673, Washington 16, D.C.  
*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. deGruch (Jean E. Perclue) a son, Kenneth, jr., Jan. 17, 1954.

**Massachusetts**

*Married:* Helen Barbara Smith to Peter E. Holmes, Nov. 20, 1953. At home at 625 E. 14th St. (Apt. 7 E), New York 19, N.Y.  
 Gladys Woodward to Robert Charles Tappan, Dec. 12, 1953. At home at 79 Ossipee Rd., Somerville 44, Mass.  
 Gloria Marie Harrington to Mark Edward Casey, Feb. 27, 1954. At home at 52 Jefferson St., North Abington, Mass.  
*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ovila Charbonneau (Loretta R. Souliere) a daughter, Cathryn Marie, Nov. 6, 1953.

**McGill**

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Lang (Elizabeth Whitehead) a son, Peter Alfred, April 20, 1954.

**Michigan**

*Married:* Eugenia Ann Losch to James E. Johnson, June 13, 1954. At home at 516 Crestline Dr., Pittsburgh 34, Pa.  
*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Johnson (Ursula M. Maister) a son, Ross Edward, June 15, 1954.

**Michigan State**

*Married:* Mary Doris Moore to Walter Ronald Denison, Aug. 29, 1953. At home at 415 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor, Mich.  
 Bonnie Lee Rabe to Graham Fraser Colquhoun, Dec. 30, 1953. At home at 461 W. Van Buren, Battle Creek, Mich.  
 Carole C. Campbell to Raymond W. Hilzinger, Feb. 27, 1954. At home at 721 Catalpa Dr., Royal Oak, Mich.  
 Janet L. MacDougall to Edward Hamilton Snyder, May 15, 1954. At home at 4027 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Mona Lou Hoedl to William J. Cameron, June 19, 1954. At home at 5115 West 29th Ave., Denver, Colo.  
*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frederick Martin (Sally Jane Schumacher) a son Robert Sherwood, Aug. 21, 1953.  
 Mr. and Mrs. William Floyd Carman (Sue Shenefield) a son, William Douglas, Aug. 26, 1953.

**Minnesota**

*Married:* JoAnn Moes to Thomas Pirsch, June, 1954. At home at 1515 Alpine Pass, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Joann Elaine Hoeglund to Warren Hunter Fales, June 13, 1954. At home at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., c/o Post Engineer Bldg. 2200.  
 Patricia Anne McConville to Thomas C. Halloran, June 26, 1954. At home at 106 W. 52nd St., Minneapolis, Minn.  
*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Stallings (Virginia Bennett) a daughter, Suzanne, March 10, 1954.

**Missouri**

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Jack Monroe Hadley (Mary Alice Dabbs) a daughter, Melinda Alice, April 29, 1954.  
 Judge and Mrs. Parks Stillwell (Marjorie Ellis)

adopted a baby girl, Kathleen, on September 2, 1953.

### Montana

**Married:** Marilyn Mason to Ivan L. Haston, Dec. 25, 1953. At home at Chillicothe, Mo., c/o Mason, R.R. 4.  
**Born to:** Mr. and Mrs. Giles Spencer Russell (Helen Elizabeth Law) a son, Robert Spencer, March 5, 1954. Mr. and Mrs. Daryl G. Hagie (Jean Strom) a son, Wayne Daryl, Jan. 14, 1954. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reynolds Needham (Diane Wetherell) a son, Michael Wetherell, Feb. 28, 1954. Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Cole (Ann L. Rawlings) a son, William Donald, April 14, 1954. Mr. and Mrs. George D. Pauling (Jo Anne Russell) a daughter, Vicki Jo, June 22, 1954. Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Sandrig (Patricia Schwarz) a son, Douglas Earl, Jan. 18, 1954. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond K. Peete (Dorothy Angstrom) a son, Randall MacLennan, Jan. 6, 1954.

### Nebraska

**Married:** Patricia A. Savage to Robert J. Russell, Dec. 26, 1953. At home at 3555 N. 61st St., Omaha, Neb. Kathleen L. Anderson to Robert A. Best, April 24, 1954. At home at 1024 S. 32nd, Omaha 5, Neb. Barbara Estella Lucas to Kirk Chase Lewis, June 5, 1954. At home at 527 S. 41st St., Omaha, Neb.  
**Born to:** Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Beal (Patti Holmes) a son, Scott Holmes, June 5, 1954—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fabian Bachrach, jr. (Janice Rose Daugherty) a son, Robert Deland, July 7, 1954.

### Nevada

**Married:** Andrea V. Ginocchio to William Martin Pelter, Feb. 17, 1954. At home at 801 Arlington Dr., Reno, Nev.  
**Born to:** Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall Evans, jr. (Bette Poe) a daughter, Jennifer Marie, April 26, 1954.

### New Mexico

**Married:** Joan (Joy) Pettitt to Lt. William F. J. Fortune, USMC, June 11, 1954. At home now in Quantico, Va.  
**Born to:** Mr. and Mrs. William T. Sommer (Betty Lu Garner) a son, Stephen Michael, July 4, 1953.

### Newcomb

**Born to:** Mr. and Mrs. Jack Denman Fields (Corinne Vaughan) a daughter, Susan Clarke, March 15, 1954.  
 Lt. j.g. and Mrs. S. Stuart Hellman, jr. (Betty Trelford) a daughter, Cynthia, 1954.

### North Dakota State

**Married:** (Dorghy) Janet Wolbert to James W. Swanson, July 11, 1953. At home at A-20 North Court, Fargo, N.D.  
**Born to:** Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Howe (Beverly Forbes) a daughter, Constance Ruth, Nov. 21, 1953.

### Northwestern

**Married:** Karen M. Muller to Robert A. Wahl, June 13, 1953. At home at 1022 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, Ill.  
**Born to:** Mr. and Mrs. Don Walker (Ann Breckwoldt) a son, William Frederick, Sept. 12, 1954.

### Ohio State

**Married:** Sharon Penelope Clemens to Frank Charles Starr, jr., Dec. 21, 1953. At home at 1470 West 7th Ave., Columbus 7, Ohio.  
 Toccoa Bailey Wise to James Layton Switzer, Feb. 20, 1954. At home at 123 Highland Dr., Union, S.C.

Jane Ellen Taylor to Dr. Joseph Cangney von Thron, May 8, 1954. At home in Miami, Fla. Martha Eleanor Sprague to David John Fullen, June 20, 1954.

Marjorie Ann Pfeiffer to Albert E. Issleib, June 26, 1954. At home at 1664 Brentwood Dr., Springfield, Ohio.

Mary Ruth Weigel to Dr. John O. Underman, June 20, 1954. At home at 258 E. Fourth St., Elyria, Ohio.

Marilyn Van Voorhis to Peter Wiant Wendler, June 19, 1954.

Jannine Kay Fornaugh to Thomas Joseph Mazuzan, June 19, 1954. At home at 1962 Lake St., Lincoln, Neb.

Barbara Geyer to William D. Wentz, May 8, 1954. Jean Ann Lowry to Albert Hamilton McMillen, June 12, 1954.

**Born to:** Mr. and Mrs. James B. Crowther (Nowlan Carter), twins; a daughter Kimberley Page and a son, James Bosworth, jr., July 4, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Shriner (Judy Vickers) a daughter, Sally Ann, Feb. 14, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. William Van Atta (Ann France) a daughter, Ann, June 22, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bohl (Marjorie Reinert) a daughter, Marilyn Ann, Dec. 28, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hinshaw, jr. (Alene Pryor) a daughter, Sally, Feb. 15, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leon (Virginia Lanum) a daughter, Elizabeth Lynn, July 30, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bradley Salt (Shirley Betz) a daughter Terri Jane, May 29, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kuhns (Sue Linch), twins; a daughter, Lucy Faith and a son, Jonathan Peter, June 20, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Yeager (Marian Rose English) a son, Walter English, on April 25, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis (Bea Benfer) a son, Byerly Scott, June 5, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dreese (Jane Anderson) a son on March 13, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Deane R. Vibber (Patricia A. Leedy) a daughter, Vicki Lynn, March 23, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore J. Hamilton (Laura Bowers) a son, May 5, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson William Turton (Wilma Heil) a daughter, Judith Elise, April 26, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. James N. Bosworth (Cebe Bartels) a son, James Scott, Dec. 29, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Pfeiffer (Barbara Hanna) a son, John Edward, April 11, 1954.

### Ohio Wesleyan

**Married:** Joanne Plank to William Greaves, Sept. 19, 1953. At home at 26651 Parklawn Dr., Euclid 17, Ohio. Joyce Marjorie Sandbo to Conrad Neil Shisler, May 22, 1954. At home at 4 Kinipkamp Pl., Belleville, Ind.

Anne Margaret Saville to Douglas Starr Cherry, August 3, 1954. At home at Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, N.M.

Margaret Jean Porter to Charles Richard Smith, August 7, 1954. At home in Akron, Ohio.

**Born to:** Mr. and Mrs. Jason McVay Austin, jr. (Mary Alice Crow) a daughter, Nancy Alice, July 30, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Day (Mary Stephan) a daughter, Stephanie, Jan. 26, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Smith (Virginia Miller) a daughter, Carol Marie, March 26, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Howard Perrill (Helen Simon) a daughter, Rebecca Lauran, March 20, 1954.

### Oklahoma

**Married:** Ann Croom Cox to Edward Joseph Sheldon, jr., June 5, 1954. At home at 804 N.W. 39th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

**Born to:** Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Newton Tate (Martha Jean Newton) a daughter, Joan Fullerton, July 3, 1953.

Lt. and Mrs. Robert Lee Quinnett (Jean Walsh) a son, Robert Lee, jr., Feb. 17, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. John L. Kelly (Paula Buetow) a daughter, Chris Ann, April 11, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Capps (Carolyn J. Pounders) a son, Thomas Sanford, May 27, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallace Davis, jr., a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, May 29, 1954.

## Oklahoma A & M

*Married:* Barbara Kaye Dolezal to Merlin G. Bruner, Dec. 19, 1953.

Shirlee Stoll to John E. Holder, Dec. 19, 1953.  
 Joan Bowker to Lauruent W. Smith, Feb. 28, 1954.  
 Wilma Laughlin to Jack M. Powell, March 6, 1954.  
 Charlene Hewett to Bill D. Carmichael, April 10, 1954.  
 Mary Lilla Madden to Jean Charles Hodgin, May, 1954.  
 Barbara Taylor Calahan to James Tully, May 21, 1954.  
 Margaret Ann Reiff to John L. Doley, May 22, 1954.  
 Carol Thompson to Doyle L. Monger, May 29, 1954.  
 Peggy Davenport to John W. Selvey, jr., June 5, 1954.  
 Suzanne Gathright to James S. Cyrus, June 6, 1954.  
 Louise Noble to Clifton Jennings, June 12, 1954.  
 Janet Cordrey to Don Wines, June 10, 1954.  
 Shirley Winans to John W. Pozdro, June 12, 1954.  
 Sally Bevins to Everett Hutchison, June 14, 1954.  
 Mary Ann Sears to Harry L. Endicott, July 17, 1954.  
 Marilyn Miller Kirk to Halton L. Hall, July 17, 1954.

Lou Ann Fisher to J. Gordon Reische, July 25, 1954.  
 Ann Loy Engle to Robert J. Markowski, August 4, 1954.  
 Stephanie Thompson to Alfred W. Vance, Aug. 8, 1954.  
 Laura Noble to Roger Swift, Aug. 14, 1954.  
 Carol Ann Ketcham to Gerald Rogers, Aug. 14, 1954.  
 Jacque McKenney to Tom Fowler, Aug. 21, 1954.  
 Helen Madamba to Dean Seeman, Aug. 21, 1954.  
 Edna Mae Henderson to Robert M. Morgan, Aug. 29, 1954.  
 Ruth Ann Thompson to James C. Hart, Sept. 5, 1954.

Nancy Ingham to Robert W. Mattick, Sept. 5, 1954.  
*Born to:* Dr. and Mrs. Norman Andresen (Ruth Rawlings) a daughter, Karen Louise, June 25, 1953.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Thompson (LaWanda Bolles) a daughter, Pamela, Dec. 8, 1953.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dotts (Betty Crowder) a daughter, Denise Ann, Feb. 25, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Jonas (Janet Walker) a son, Theodore Kimball, March 6, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. James H. Duncan (Mary Nusbaum) a daughter, Madelene Lea, March 16, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Greaves (Leah-Kenny) a son, Richard Kenneth, March 24, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. James W. Rodgers (Sara Jane Berry) twin daughters, Beverly and Rebecca, May 16, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Robbins (Edwinna Leonard) a son, Don Leonard, June 5, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. James D. Spangler (Marybelle Wortman) a daughter, Ann Elizabeth, June 2, 1954.  
 Dr. and Mrs. Gerald W. McCullough (Marilyn Mack) a daughter, Deborah Denise, July 19, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Bevis (Maurine Murphy) a daughter, Jo Ellen, July 25, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferrin Harmon (Mary Creilly) a son, Ferrin Henry, August 14, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Lawyer (Betty Jane Wilson) a daughter, Kristin, Nov. 20, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Simmons, jr., a son, Richard Stewart, Jan. 22, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Guernsey, jr. (Barbara Starr) a son, Robert Allan, Feb. 26, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Harold Burgus (Mary A. Huston) a daughter, Harriett Elizabeth, May 26, 1954.

## Oregon

*Married:* Karin Sunderleaf to William Wright, jr., Nov. 14, 1953.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Clark Miles Gilman (Diane Bekins) a son, Frank Miles, Oct. 6, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donald Lee (Marilyn Janice Power) a daughter, Julianne Christine, Dec. 4, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paul Heestand (E. Ann Burgess) a son, Thomas Burgess, Feb. 18, 1954.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert R. Smalley (Janis Enke) a son, Michael Rowan, March 16, 1954.

## Oregon State

*Married:* J. Sharon Rothlisberg to Ralph K. Rydman July 16, 1954. At home at 2408 S.E. 52nd Ave., Portland 16, Ore.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. William H. Fleming (Patricia Edwards) a son, Philip William, Jan. 2, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. William Arthur Dryden, jr. (Beryl Helen Marks) a daughter, Amy, Feb. 28, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. King Crosno (Dorothy Goodrick) a son, Randall King, March 18, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. James William Chadbourne (Eleanor Jean Burrell) a daughter, Lindsay Joanne, April 11, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Hermens (Jerry McMahan) a daughter, Molly Ann, June 7, 1954.

## Penn State

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred R. Cameron (Nan James) a daughter, Nan, Sept. 15, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl P. Rebele (Joanne B. Henry) a daughter, Suzanne Barbara, May 18, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. David C. Skelly (Marilyn W. Wilson) a son, James Clark, Feb. 28, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Reeves Otis (Elizabeth C. Walter) a daughter, Nancy Walter, Oct. 18, 1953.

## Pennsylvania

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Irving H. Peck (Barbara Welsh) a second daughter, Carolyn Jamieson, Oct. 17, 1953.

## Pittsburgh

*Married:* Betty Y. Shew to Harold M. Hattman August 22, 1953. At home c/o Hyeholde, R.D. #2, Coropolis, Pa.

Janet L. Wilson to Carl A. Banze Nov. 11, 1953. At home at 6351 Walnut St., Pittsburgh 6, Pa.

Joanne L. Sohn to Charles R. Floyd, June 12, 1954. At home at 312 Chestnut Rd., Edgeworth, Pa.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. William MacLaren Arnold (Mary Iris Hinkley) a son, William Stevenson MacLaren Arnold, jr., July 20, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Standfest (Edith Hanna) a daughter, Barbara Elizabeth, Dec. 9, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Kimball A. Reyher (Marjorie L. Graham) a son, Kimball Alan, April 20, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan D. Doverspike, jr. (Judith Thomas) a second daughter, Jill Diane, April 1, 1954.

## Purdue

*Married:* Barbara Dye to Allen B. Thayer August 15, 1953. At home in Wolcott, Ind.

Jane Pound to F. Lynn Cason, jr. in West Lafayette, Ind.

Jane Louise Moran to Charles Wesley Shook. At home at 1015 Rose St., West Lafayette, Ind.

Marilyn Ann Demaree to Kenneth H. Montgomery.

At home at 203 University, West Lafayette, Ind.

Tudy Holden to Charles Reifers Vaughan April 24, 1954. At home at 3708 N. Pine Grove, Chicago, Ill.

Jo Ann Arline Brookman to Richard Ennis Kitterman August 14, 1954. At home in Lafayette, Ind. Beverly Ferne Taylor to William Kenneth Oyler, jr. At home in Williamsburg, Va.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Greenwood (Helenlou Barrett) a son, David William, Nov. 30, 1953. Mr. and Mrs. David N. Rodgers (Dorothy Perkins) a daughter, Rebecca Joanne, Jan. 23, 1954. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Bozell, jr. (Martha Darnall) a son, William Woodward, Feb. 17, 1954.

### Randolph-Macon

*Married:* Dorothy A. Rowland to Floyd L. Pingree Feb. 20, 1954. At home at 859 S. Liberty St., Elgin, Ill.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. H. Palmer Paist, jr. (Leodore M. Evey) a son, David Palmer, Sept. 11, 1953. Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. Kidd, jr. (Donna Kennedy) a daughter, Margaret Lee, Dec. 4, 1953. Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey Walker, jr. (Elizabeth Lee Dewhauer) a son, Dale Duval, Dec. 27, 1953.

### San Diego

*Married:* Gloria Lee Demers to Douglas Hale McColl, Aug. 29, 1953. At home at 4033 Abourne Rd., Los Angeles 8, Calif.

Esther Elizabeth Crittenden to George Harvey Williams, Dec. 27, 1953. At home at 3486 Congress St., San Diego, Calif.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Robert Painter Hagstrom (Barbara Lou Eagle) a daughter, Susan Esther, Feb. 7, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lester Foran (Nancy Hughen) a daughter, Katherine Eileen, April 12, 1954.

### San Jose State

*Married:* Carma Mae Austin to Robert Stanton Rose Feb. 26, 1954.

Patricia Stuart to Cecil Mauurray Hunt June 26, 1954.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lloyd Moyle (Jane Irvine) a son, Michael Steven, April 21, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles James Murphy (Nancy Rundle) a daughter, Kathleen Elizabeth, May 31, 1954.

### Santa Barbara

*Married:* Doris Humphreys to Victor Arthur Cross Aug. 21, 1953. At home at 14644 E. Whittier Blvd., Whittier, Calif.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Arnold I. Funai (Norma Joan Anderson) a son, Robert Allen, Sept. 19, 1953.

### South Dakota

*Married:* Patricia Jean Potter to Thomas H. Landstrom June 1, 1953. At home at 2312 Lyndale S., Minneapolis 5, Minn.

*Born to:* Dr. and Mr. Dean M. Erickson (Phyllis Crissman) a third daughter, Dawn Eileen, May 12, 1954.

### Southern California

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jerome Kincheloe (Jeanette Marie Vett) a daughter, Teresa Lynne, May 1, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dougherty Peck (Sally Edgar) a daughter, Lisa Lyon, Feb. 3, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scouller Rankin (Jane Camille Colburn) a son, Douglas Ernest, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Walsh Baldwin (Calley Lester) a daughter, Lucy Katharine, Feb. 18, 1954.

### Southern Methodist

*Married:* Patricia Yost to James A. Alexander Oct. 3, 1953. At home at 7717 Eastern, Dallas, Texas.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. William Webb Browning, jr. (Jane Adams Holland) a daughter, Dec. 23, 1953.

### Syracuse

*Married:* Suzanne R. Marsh to Judson W. Johnston, jr. Jan. 2, 1954. At home at 811 Westcott St., Syracuse 10, N.Y.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Hier Ryan (Joan E. Turk) a daughter, Sherrill Oct. 16, 1953.

### Texas

*Married:* Nancy Ann McDonough to Robert Stanley Tevis, jr. Dec. 29, 1953. At home at 102 N. Valencia, El Paso, Texas.

Lois Anne Bacon to Frederick Volker Luhnow, jr. May 8, 1954. At home at 5416 Wataka, Dallas, Texas.

Ruth Hardin to Hirst Brown Suffield June 5, 1954. At home at Apt. 14, 1601 S. Shepherd Drive, Houston 19, Texas.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Revere St. John (Martha Nees) a son Ernest Revere, jr., Jan. 14, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Andrew Collier (Betty Lundberg) a daughter, Kathryn Ann, Feb. 10, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scott Shambough (Ellen Thomas) a daughter, Celia Anne, March 28, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas West (Nan Overton) a son, William Samuel, April 5, 1954.

### Texas Tech

*Married:* Carol Collins to Donald Brent Douglass, June 20, 1953. At home at 3208 21st St., Lubbock, Texas.

Carolyn Amos to Phil Stribbling on February 26. At home in Lubbock.

Sharlene Wall to Tommie Steelman on November 26, 1953. At home in Lubbock.

Joanne Wheatley to Dick Cobb on December 19, 1953. At home in Lubbock.

Betty Witt to Bill Thompson on December 25, 1953. At home in El Paso.

Mary Wiley to Al Heptig on July 10, 1954. At home in Houston.

Pat Tinney to Paul Griffith on August 21, 1954. At home in Boston.

Zoe Merriman to Jack Kirpatrick on June 18, 1954. At home in Lubbock.

Dee Clairmont to John Moss on March 15, 1954. At home in Lubbock.

Carol Deffebach to Bill Gunderson on April 15, 1954.

Patty Pinson to Elmer Wilson on August 15, 1954. At home in Pampa.

Shirley Shields to Marlis Smith on August 6, 1954.

Betty Wood to Bill Enloe on April 23, 1954. At home in Lubbock.

Tommie Whorton to Bob Beckwith on August 28, 1954.

Kittie Ann Logan to Buddy Martin on June 16, 1954.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Allan Gaine Clayton (Nan Wiginton) a daughter, Judith Anne, June 27, 1954.

### Vanderbilt

*Married:* Betty Fortune to William J. Fountain April 11, 1953. At home at 360 East 50th St., New York 22, N.Y.

Elizabeth Bales Gardner to Sovern John Larkins June 26, 1954. At home at 5579 Knob Road, Nashville, Tenn.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Bronaugh (Mary Clark Warwick) a son, J. Stewart, jr., July 31, 1954.

### Vermont

*Married:* Maxine Merrill to Roger M. Free July 10, 1954. At home at 286 E. Main St., Ilion, N.Y.

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Alan C. Weess (Nancy Dorman) a son, Jeffrey Alan, Feb. 21, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Henry Hunt (Arline Camp Brush) a son, Donald Porter, March 17, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Judd Dufour (Dorothy E. Brau) a son, Robert Charles, March 29, 1954.

### Washburn

*Married:* Patricia Medill to Robert C. Comstock May 9, 1953. At home at 4127 Verdugo View Drive, Los Angeles, Calif.  
*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Denton, jr. (Carolyn Campbell) a daughter, Catherine, April 21, 1954.

### Washington

*Married:* Anne Lynn Darrough to Alden Jackson Fischer, jr. Sept. 25, 1953. At home at 1431 Grand Ave., Everett, Wash.  
 Avalee Latimer to Schell Harmon Feb. 28, 1954. At home at home at 3206 W. Concord Way, Mercer Island, Wash.  
 Kathryn V. Yost to Walbridge J. Powell May 22, 1954. At home at Box 402 Overton, Texas.  
 Delores L. Carlo to John Bruce Fery, Aug. 22, 1953. At home at 760 Webster, Palo Alto, Calif.

### Washington State

*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Herbert D. Hadley (Dorothy Reed) a second son, Karl David, March 10, 1953.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Allen (Shirley Wallace) a son, Bradley Robert, Sept. 28, 1953.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Keith MacKenzie Covey (Barbara Bogardus) a third daughter, Diane Dee, Feb. 11, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert LeRoy Bjorklund (Jean Hane) a daughter, Diane, April 9, 1954.

### Washington (St. Louis)

*Married:* Betty Lentz to John R. Barron May 1, 1954. At home at 626 Forest Court, Clayton, Mo.  
*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Cain (Nancy Diekroeger) a daughter, Sally Lee, Oct. 12, 1953.  
 Mr. and Mrs. James Eugene Yarborough (Mary Jane Kenton) a son, James Eugene, jr., Dec. 15, 1953.  
 Mr. and Mrs. William Moenning McCleery (Marion Huesgen) a daughter, Martha Ann, Dec. 19, 1953.

### Western Ontario

*Married:* Mary Beth Coutts to William Fulton Cockburn Oct. 10, 1953. At home in Mount Forest, Ontario, Canada.  
*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. J. Neil Spillane (Dorothy Hoover) a son, John Arthur, Dec. 27, 1953.

### William and Mary

*Married:* Janice Arnett to Ens. Richard Q. Palmer, USN Jan. 2, 1954. At home at River Road, Yardley, Pa.  
*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Egerton Long, jr. (Nancy Gouldman) a daughter, Cynthia Hodges, April 15, 1954.

### Wisconsin

*Married:* Nancy Elaine Bridgen to James William Cameron Sept. 9, 1953. At home at 11686 Montview Blvd., Aurora, Colorado.  
*Born to:* Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Keating (Jeanne Priest) a daughter, Patricia Ware, March 5, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. B. Bennett Reak (Joyce Cisco) a daughter, Bridget Ann, April 10, 1954.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hamilton Fellows (Carolyn Louise Hunn) a daughter, Jane Leslie, April 12, 1954.

*"There is no death. What seems so is transition."*

*Longfellow*

Nancy Gantt Lindbeck (Mrs. John)  
 Gamma Gamma chapter, 1933  
 Washington, D.C., June 5, 1954

Coral Merchant Lowe (Mrs. Orton)  
 Mu chapter, 1893  
 Hawaii, June 5, 1954

Sally Heizer Jackson (Mrs. Ellis)  
 Gamma chapter, 1881  
 Indianapolis, Ind., 1954

Isabel Clingsmith Greggerson (Mrs. J. G.)  
 Mu chapter, 1895  
 Rocky River, Ohio, April, 1954

Dorothy Jones Kinsella (Mrs. J. Hixon)  
 Alpha Mu chapter, 1921  
 Atlanta, Ga., June 4, 1954

Joyce Birkemeier Beeson (Mrs. Wm. E.)  
 Beta Epsilon chapter, 1943  
 Portland, Ore., April 5, 1954

Alice Leachman Ullman (Mrs. K. L.)  
 Beta Tau chapter, 1929  
 Granville, Ohio, 1954

Lucile Smoot Shepherd (Mrs. Jacob)  
 Beta Rho chapter, 1945  
 Luray, Virginia, November 25, 1954

Elizabeth Hamilton Best (Mrs. Lindsey)  
 Plainfield, N.J., 1954  
 Alpha Zeta chapter, 1900

Mary Stone Ellison (Mrs. Edward D.)  
 Kappa chapter, 1893  
 Kansas City, Mo., 1954

Nancy Burton Gosch  
Gamma Sigma chapter, 1951  
San Diego, Calif., 1954

Lois Peterson  
Beta Theta chapter, 1944  
Moscow, Idaho, 1954

Luciana Swank Madsen (Mrs. Willard)  
Beta chapter, 1921  
Franklin, Ind., 1954

Marguerite Quinn  
Rho chapter, 1922  
Aurora, Neb., 1954

Dr. Ruby Raikov  
Gamma Epsilon chapter, 1945  
Albany, N.Y., 1954

Ann Weiser  
Alpha Gamma chapter, 1946  
Canal Winchester, Ohio, 1954

Sarah Vickery  
Alpha chapter, 1894  
Evansville, Ind., 1954

Helen Nind French (Mrs. Dudley)  
Upsilon chapter, 1900  
Winnetka, Ill., May, 1954

Marie Hattersley Camp (Mrs. Scott)  
Beta Tau chapter, 1929  
Charleston, W.Va., March, 1954

Natalie Suzanne Beck  
Alpha Delta chapter, 1949  
Baltimore, Md., March 29, 1954

Alice L. Smith Clark (Mrs. James)  
Chi chapter, 1920  
Oneida, N.Y., February 23, 1954

Gertrude Louise Mann Millikan (Mrs. George)  
Lambda chapter, 1938  
Washington, D.C., 1954

Grace Bennett Davis (Mrs. Charles)  
Alpha Delta chapter, 1907  
Baltimore, Md., April 2, 1954

Opal Rogers Secor (Mrs. Walter)  
Beta Iota chapter, 1926  
Pasadena, Calif., April 26, 1954

Nelle McMahan Nickey (Mrs. William)  
Beta chapter, 1896  
Memphis, Tenn., April 29, 1954

Grace M. Bosworth  
Lambda chapter, 1892  
Bristol, Vermont Feb. 24, 1954

Cora Wells Thorpe (Mrs. George C.)  
Eta chapter, 1900  
Washington, D.C., August 9, 1954

Elsie Potter Lee (Mrs. B. Vincent)  
Beta Theta chapter, 1925  
Long Beach, Calif., January 5, 1954

Emma Osborne Northwood (Mrs. Fred M.)  
Pi chapter, 1896  
Albion, Mich., July 29, 1954

Virginia Parker Stevenson  
Beta Phi chapter, 1935  
Pittsburgh, Pa., June 13, 1954

Catherine Ann Evans Goff (Mrs. A. W.)  
Alpha Omega chapter, 1932  
Pittsburgh, Pa., June 19, 1954

Mercedes Mehl Nelson (Mrs. C. B.)  
Alpha Omega and Tau chapters, 1918  
Beverly Hills, Calif., June 29, 1954

Mary Katherine Johnson Davis (Mrs. William C.)  
Beta Epsilon chapter, 1933  
1953

Deine Elizabeth Williams Broemmelsick (Mrs. H. A.)  
Alpha Mu chapter, 1943  
Kirkwood, Mo., July 20, 1953

Florence Nelson Ray (Mrs. P. O.)  
Lambda chapter 1897  
Beverly, Calif., August 14, 1954

No department is infallible, and it gives us great pleasure to announce that the Post Office Department has made another error.

The reported death of Mary Katherine Johnson Davis of Beta Epsilon was confusing, and not true. She is now Mrs. Marshall Swearingen of Tumalo, Oregon . . . and her friends will doubtless be delighted to hear that the report of her death was a mistake.



This is a picture of Mary Ellen Parr, printed by request, but under protest by the editor that printing a picture of oneself is in rather poor taste.

## over the desktop

There's one thing to be said for an editorial policy. There has to be one. Sometimes it is firmly established and sometimes, like Topsy, it just grows.

Through the pages of the magazine can be found the echoes and the overtones of Theta, tempered and touched by the sources through which they flow. Just as no two cooks can make exact duplicates of the same recipe, no two editors can lay out any given material on a magazine page in exactly the same fashion. As magazines throughout the world differ, so do their editors.

It was suggested that there be a page used as a clearing house for ideas, and this page could be it . . . over the desktop. We're working on it. But first, *behind* the desk sits someone eager to know you, to find out what you're doing, what you're thinking . . . and what you have to say. On the theory that it usually helps to know a person in order to facilitate ideas and correspondence, the editor presents herself. To no friend did she intrust the task of making a mountain out of a molehill . . . nor glamor from grind.

She attended Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio, for two years and was graduated from Indiana University (Beta) in 1933 with a simple A.B. degree, a deep devotion to Theta, an interest in people, and a penchant for the printed page.

In the depth of the depression, she looked feverishly for a job in advertising. By a quirk of fate, she ended up as assistant editor to a restaurant monthly, a sideline in the offices where she was employed. After her marriage in 1934 she was handed the inevitable task of publicity chairman or press reporter for every organization in which she took part, the net result being that she was appointed editor of *Cross Keys* (quarterly publication of Kappa Kappa Kappa, Inc., a charitable organization exclusive to Indiana) for two terms.

The editor is now forty-one years of age and on a clear day, after a good night's sleep, doesn't look many years older. She is primarily a housewife with a deep dislike of the culinary department, and an irresistible urge to paint the walls. Her husband is an attorney (Sigma Chi) of great patience who, with sons Jim (20) and Mickey (15) watches the editor go into a tizzy four times a year. The word "deadline" is never mentioned within the home, due to the emotional upheaval which results. Once upon a time, there were some hobbies—golf, oil painting, book reviews, and contests—but that was before editing, which automatically eliminates other ventures.

That there be no misunderstanding about efficiency or technique, perhaps it had better be known that she works in the basement. There's no office, no additional typist, and very little heat. Acknowledgments and rejections, such as pour from the offices of large publications, can not well be made by one person surrounded by material. Anything within the realm of special request will be taken care of, however . . . as far as is humanly possible.

She welcomes criticisms or suggestions for the magazine, and is strict about deadlines, a fact which imposes as much pressure on herself as it does on the contributors . . . but which is absolutely necessary in dealing with a production schedule. Anything sent to the magazine will be given careful consideration for she believes that a person doesn't have to be internationally famous to be interesting, and a project doesn't have to be wondrous to be worthwhile. The article somebody thought would be a good one, but which was never sent in, was doubtless never printed either. Logical?

The above is a rambling description of the editorial channel through which your material is handled. Assisting are two wonderful people from opposite sides of the States—Betty Briggs of Pasadena, California, as Book Review Editor and Eloise Maffett of Irvington-on-Hudson, New York, as Alumnae Chapter Editor. We'll keep you posted.

The Editor

# *The Alumnews*



Typical of Thetas throughout the country who are leading active lives as alumnæ, we present Anne Goodwin Ditz of San Jose who was recently honored as "Young Woman of the Year" by the Jaycettes (auxiliary to the Junior Chamber of Commerce). Anne was a member of Phi chapter at Stanford and was graduated in 1946. The mother of two daughters, she has been outstanding in community service since her college years. Instrumental in founding the San Jose Volunteer Bureau, she was its first president. A member of the Visiting Nurses Association Bureau, on the Social Research and Planning Committee of the Community Welfare Council, vice-president of the California Association of Volunteer Bureaus, a member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee to Agnews State Hospital, the Palo Alto Union of the San Francisco Junior League, Anne has not been idle!

She is shown with Mrs. Steffi Abbott Sims, who presented Anne with a corsage, a covered silver dish, and an engraved silver bracelet in recognition of her "extra-curricular" activities.

## Notes from the News

**Houston** made a profit of \$2700 on their Antique Show, dividing proceeds between the Institute of Logopedics and the Houston Speech and Hearing Center.

**Berkeley** alumnae estimate they have sent approximately 480 dozen cookies during two years to the veterans at Oak Knoll hospital.

**St. Louis** cleared enough money in one afternoon at their bazaar to fulfill their pledge of \$600 to the Institute of Logopedics, and to send an additional gift to \$1000 to the Institute in memory of L. Pearle Green.

**Evanston** has a Theta sewing group which has been meeting twice a month for fifteen years to sew for the Illinois Surgical Institute, a state-operated orthopedic hospital.

**Dayton** claims an educated KAT (Lois Wurstner Oblinger), who sends out quarterly bulletins to all members and so stimulates their interest and curiosity that the attendance rate at meetings has zoomed.

**Tucson** held its first family party this year, using the patio of the Beta Delta chapter house for a festive Barbecue during spring vacation. They liked it!

**Indianapolis** is proud of the hours of service given by their members to the Well-Baby Clinic of the Riley Hospital for Children, where members serve two days every week.

**Los Angeles** alumnae present a jewelled pin to an initiate of both Omicron and Beta Xi chapters having the highest scholastic average.

**Yakima** sponsored a handicapped child from the city to Camp Manitowish which is under the supervision of Washington State College, and which provides an opportunity for the handicapped to enjoy camp life along with normal children.

**Pasadena** has adopted a local philanthropy in addition to the national one. They have taken over a bungalow for the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society in Altadena, redecorating the dormitory and sitting rooms . . . while the junior group has redecorated ten rooms, making curtains and bedspreads, and redoing the floors.

**New Orleans** raised money this year by giving an "Out of Style Show," which is certainly a reverse of tactics. Their members modelled styles dating from 1890 to 1936.

**Oklahoma City** conducted quite a thrilling contest with a trip to Mexico as the prize, which netted them \$1800, and left a good Theta husband without secretarial help for two weeks.

**Long Beach** suggests that for real fun at a chapter meeting, there's nothing like a White Elephant sale with a good auctioneer.

**Boston** sends out a desperate appeal for Thetas in their vicinity who might be hiding in or around the Boston area to get in touch with Mrs. J. M. Clough, 286 Quinabeguin Road, Waban, Mass. . . . "in the name of nobler womanhood."

**Long Island** also issues a plea for members living around Long Island "as silent partners" to contact Mary Cross Wulffleff at Eaton Neck, Northport, L.I.

**Burlington** brings two active chapter girls to each of their meetings to share their ideas and suggestions and keep the alumnae more closely in touch with their problems.

**Cleveland** has furnished an audiometric testing room for the city's Speech and Hearing Center—and, with help from the West Shore club, supplied an intercommunication system for use in the observation rooms.

**Des Moines** has a "buddy" program, so that each girl in the active chapter of Beta Kappa has an interested buddy in the alumnae group.

**Portland** has adopted a project international in nature by arranging to bring a German girl to Portland for the current school year.

**Seattle** gave a Talent Auction, wherein the hidden talents of charter members—including painting, papering, baking, gardening, bridge, and baby-sitting—were auctioned off to the highest bidder for their services.

## ATLANTA

This second year for Atlanta alumnae as a chapter was a busy one. Marty Stanfield Hull (Gamma Delta) president, and Betty Hayworth Alsaker (Gamma) vice-president, led the successful summer drive for membership. Marty and Lillian Powell (Gamma Delta) attended District XI convention in New Orleans. Later in July, Marty entertained the college Thetas at a coke party.

To Betty Alsaker goes credit for the success of our second Christmas bazaar held in late November. Workshops began in early summer and hundreds of attractive articles were made to sell at reasonable prices. A doll was outfitted in clothes fit for a princess and a contest was conducted at the bazaar. Profits were sent to Gamma Delta and the Institute of Logopedics.

Clair Taylor (Gamma Delta) and a small group worked very hard on a rummage sale. Slightly more than \$100 was sent to Gamma Delta toward the purchase of a desk for their beloved housemother "Lulee."

The Fulton County Juvenile Court Home was selected as our local charity. The Director of the Home spoke to us on their needs and requirements at our October meeting. Games, magazines and small items for amusement were purchased and children's clothing in good condition was contributed by members.

We had a short visit from Lalise Moore O'Brien, then District XI President, and Marty entertained at a tea. The Founders' Day tea in January was well attended by regular members and brought out many new Thetas who are unable to attend monthly meetings.

Entertaining programs at meetings included illustrated talks by a maker of caricature dolls, a home economist and an interesting lecture on spring fashions by our very own Junky Drake Waldrop (Gamma Delta) a fashion stylist for a local department store.

During the year we lost our president, Marty Hull, to Houston; magazine chairman Martha Sweet Webb (Iota) to Chattanooga; past president and State Chairman Eloise Young Maffet (Beta Rho) to Philadelphia then New York. Eleanor Harris Fell (Beta Nu) was appointed by Grand Council as State Chairman.

New officers were installed in March with Daphne Parks Majors (Gamma Delta) named president and convention delegate, Peggy Boyd Beard (Gamma deuteron) vice-president.

The buffet supper in May at the spacious and modern home of Kathleen Asher Wilkinson (Kappa) was our biggest meeting of the year. In June we saw Sara Longino Dickinson (Alpha Eta) installed as Treasurer of Atlanta Panhellenic Association.

Summer activities are at a minimum—the membership drive is on and the rush committee is hard at work seeking recommendations. We look forward to another full year to begin in September with the grand convention report.

Clair Taylor

## AUSTIN

The Austin alumnae had a busy year under the expert guidance of Norma Neimeyer Morton and her fellow officers.

At our October meeting at the Alpha Theta chapter house, we had a report on our district convention which was held at the Beta Zeta chapter house in Stillwater, Okla. Austin alumnae's own Dorothy Marks McNutt was appointed Alumnae District President.

In November we had our business meeting and luncheon at the chapter house. Our guest speaker was Mr. R. A. Lewis, a well known Austin florist, who demonstrated his artistry in making unusual and beautiful Christmas decorations. Mr. Lewis taught us how to use everyday materials to make beautiful decorations of our own.

In December we had our Christmas coffee at the chapter house—for Thetas only. Alpha Theta's talented housemother, Mrs. Landry, had planned beautiful decorations of gauze butterflies and whitened branches hung with gold and silver ornaments. Each alumna brought a gaily wrapped gift or toy for a child at the Institute of Logopedics. After the coffee a huge box containing all of the gifts was sent to the Institute in time for Christmas. January found us with a short business meeting and a luncheon at the chapter house.

Founders' Day was celebrated with the actives. After dessert we had a short ceremony at which we lighted candles and the chain was formed. There was a brief business meeting at which the nominating committee read the slate.

Our March meeting at the chapter house was devoted to making paper flowers for the float for the annual Round-Up parade at the University of Texas. We also had installation of officers. Officers for the coming year are: president, Norma Neimeyer Morton, Alpha Theta; first vice-president, Alma Buaas Kormeier, Alpha Theta; second vice-president, Sissy Wheat Steinhauer, Alpha Theta; recording secretary, Patty Crow Runge, Alpha Theta; corresponding secretary, Georganne Lankford Geeslin, Alpha Theta; treasurer, Elizabeth McKelvery Day, Alpha Theta; editor, Jane MacRae Lloyd, Alpha Psi and Tau; archivist, Margaret Thompson Syers, Beta Beta.

We were guests of the San Antonio alumnae in March. We attended their business meeting and luncheon. Thirteen Austin Thetas drove to San Antonio and enjoyed themselves renewing old Theta acquaintances and making new Theta friends.

April was the month for our annual guest coffee. The coffee was at the chapter house. Decorations were Spring flowers and about 225 guests called. Also in April we had a visit from Dorothy Garner, president of District XII.

Our May meeting was our usual business meeting and luncheon. We reviewed the Panhellenic rules for rush and discussed the proposed amendments to

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We'll be seeing you!

be voted on at Grand Convention in Quebec in June. At this meeting we also addressed letters to all Alpha Thetas wherever they might be, inviting them to our Golden Jubilee to be held at the Alpha Theta chapter house Sept. 17th to 19th. At this writing we have received registrations from alumnae from as far away as Pacific Palisades, California and Memphis, Tenn.

Jane MacRae Lloyd

## BALTIMORE

Baltimore Alumnae, pledged to furnish a bedroom in the beautiful newly-opened Theta house at the University of Maryland, kept their fund raising projects in the fore during the past year.

In early December, under the chairmanship of president Pat Harrison (Alpha Delta), we conducted our first and very successful rummage sale. At the annual Christmas party directed by Martha Mayes Kemp Wood (Alpha Delta), we broke with tradition and decorated our tree with dollar bills instead of the usual make-it-yourself presents. Throughout the year Eleanor Barnhart (Gamma Nu) carried on a most profitable sale of gummed address labels and salad dressing. Each of these projects benefited our Gamma Nu neighbors. In addition, we continued support of a war orphan through the Foster Parents' Plan.

We listened to one speaker give a most dramatic reading of her original radio-tv skit, designed to inform us about the U.N.; another amused us as she gave a series of before-and-after case histories (with photographs) from a Baltimore modeling academy of which she is director; another, an eastern high school principal, told of her experiences in England as an exchange teacher; and still another, a Pratt librarian, supplemented her story of a trip through Europe with unequalled color slides.

Founders' Day was celebrated with a luncheon attended also by the whole Gamma Nu chapter, Dorothy Reese (Beta Phi) acted as chairman of the party at which Dean of Women, Adele Stump of the University of Maryland, spoke. Lois Cook (Alpha Gamma) arranged our wonderful May picnic supper at which we traditionally ate and sang and enjoyed Theta fellowship, looking forward to meeting in the fall. We were thrilled to have Mary Janet Blackburn, District President, as our guest at the picnic.

Newly-elected officers who assumed their duties in the spring are Dottie Heiss Drury (Beta Eta) president; Ann Dankmeyer (Alpha Delta) vice-president; Eleanor Barnhart (Gamma Mu) recording secretary; Lois Cook (Alpha Gamma) corresponding secretary; Eleanor Megraw (Alpha Delta) Panhellenic representative; Kay Carroll (Iota) treasurer, and Alice Smyser Raphel (Alpha Delta) as editor. Our chapter is proud to have Eleanor Barnhart serve also as the Maryland-Delaware state chairman of the Theta Alumnae Board.

President Dottie Drury acted as official delegate to the convention in Quebec. Also attending were Marion Hinds McCormick and Mary Carter Fusselbaugh of Alpha Delta. Under the direction of Dottie, a devoted Theta and former president of the Boston Alumnae chapter, we plan a busy year ahead with fund raising

for the University of Maryland Thetas, increasing local chapter publicity and making a drive for increased chapter membership, as a few of many projects.

Alice Smyser Raphel

## BERKELEY

By presenting interesting and varied programs, and by stressing hospitality toward new Theta alumnae in the East Bay, the Berkeley Alumnae chapter has had a most successful year under the leadership of our president, Esther Uhl Josi (Alpha Delta).

Early in September our first meeting was held at the home of Merodine Keeler McIntyre (Omega) where Mrs. B. F. Lynip, Jr. (Phyllis Alexander—Alpha Gamma), gave us a sneak preview of her own book "Great Ideas of the Bible." This program led to a most interesting discussion on the Bible. Later Mrs. Hugh Hiatt of the Art League, who was present as our guest, introduced a book of Christmas cards made by children and sold by the Art League. These cards were an example of the work done by children who are free to express their ideas of Christmas. Mother Moses cards are not any more outstanding than what we saw that evening!

In October the report of the district convention held at Squaw Valley was given by Esther Josi at the home of Mrs. Colin Reith (Marjorie Chapple—Alpha Nu). Even the atmosphere of convention at Squaw Valley, which is near Lake Tahoe, rubbed off on the alumnae present as Alice Gonser (Alpha Nu) Gen McDuffee (Alpha Xi), Sally Fagen Gould (Beta Mu) and president of the San Francisco Alumnae chapter, Esther Josi, Ruth Torpey Craveth (Beta Zeta) and Helen Munger Vaughn (Omega) sang some of the songs and modelled the original hats they wore on "Stunt Night." Snapshots taken at convention added to the gaiety of the evening as well as posters and souvenirs which decorated the living room.

Following National Panhellenic Conference in Pasadena, Berkeley alumnae were most fortunate to have Mrs. C. Edward Brandriff, Grand Alumnae Secretary as our guest at the November meeting held at the home of Margaret Barber Burnham (Omega). A program on "The Panhellenic Picture" was presented by Mrs. Harry W. Kelley (Alpha Xi Delta) who is the Alumnae Executive Secretary of College Panhellenic Office at the University of California and by Dorothy Zarley, president of College Panhellenic this past year and a member of our Theta chapter on the Berkeley campus.

Mary Brandriff gave us an interesting report on the four alumnae awards that Grand Council planned to award at this 1954 convention. Due to an early departure for Reno, Nevada, where she was to visit Beta Mu chapter, Mary had to leave early much to everyone's regret as we enjoyed her visit immensely and our visits with members of Grand Council are too few.

Here's how lucky the Berkeley Alumnae chapter can be in a month! Mrs. James W. Hofstead, Grand President, who was on her return from NPC too, made an unofficial visit to the Omega chapter for one day and a few alumnae were privileged to meet her

at tea. It was with regret that her time was so limited and all alumnae in the Bay Area could not meet our "first lady."

December brought Christmas in all its glory. This meeting was a guest night held at Reinhardt House on the Mills College campus, which was beautifully decorated for their Christmas activities. At this meeting each alumna brought a donation of canned goods for the Berkeley Christmas committee who distributed them to needy families.

This year our Founders' Day was celebrated early so the Omega chapter could be included. Due to being in the midst of finals a lovely formal tea was held earlier at the chapter house, to which the San Francisco alumnae were invited. Four college girls took part in the ceremony honoring our founders. Helen Munger Vaughn, Chairman, Leslie Phelps Henderson (Omega), Ann Van Horn Moulds (Alpha Lambda), Esther Summerfield Myers (Beta Mu) and Marion Gorrill (Omega) made up the committee for the lovely tea.

Late in January our annual husband's party was held at the home of Eleanor Bumstead Chick (Omega) where a talk by Earl Rose (grandfather of Roberta Rose, Omega) showed the 1953 Stanford-California football game movie in sound and color. A program on the financing, management and cultural phases of the "Junior Center of Arts" at Mosswood playground in Oakland was given at our February meeting, at the home of Kay Connick Bradley (Omega). Anita Utt Muhs (Phi) and Kay Bradley, both members of Junior League and the Art League (2 groups sponsoring this new project) gave a very interesting report. At this meeting installation of officers for 1954-1955 were installed as follows: Esther Uhl Josi (Alpha Delta), president; Iva McMillin Wilson (Alpha Xi), vice-president; Mildred Wright Wood (Omega), corresponding secretary; Aline Whitaker Broome (Omicron), recording secretary; Ethel Foltz Pickering (Rho), treasurer and Charlie Fenton Clarke (Alpha Xi), editor.

In addition to the benefit tea, our chapter continued to sell silver polish and lipsticks; also our magazine subscriptions have grown steadily under the capable and efficient Joe Graham (Alpha Upsilon). \$175 was sent to the Institute of Logopedics with \$50 of this being contributed by the junior group.

In March Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin of the Berkeley Travel Service Bureau spoke on "Bits of a World Tour," at the home of Jan Willmott Philippi (Beta Beta). Our enthusiasm for travel was aroused as Mr. Martin showed his beautiful colored slides and gave a most interesting talk.

In April Mrs. John Oliver (Virginia Harte Grulis—Omicron), our District Alumnae President for California, visited the Bay Area and was guest at our board meeting which was a luncheon held at the home of Gen McDuffee.

Our closing meeting in May, a buffet supper with the junior alumnae group and Omega seniors as guests was held at the home of Mrs. Albert Larsen (Ruth Silliman—Phi). An interesting talk by Mariam Prowd, interior decorator, was given with examples of her work right in our midst . . . as she is doing the



### Where Credit is Due

Eleven Thetas were present to be honored at the Golden Anniversary tea given by Berkeley Alumnae chapter at the Omega chapter house on May 25, 1954. The golden links of Mrs. Earl A. Garrettson and Mrs. W. S. Kelly, both past Grand Presidents of Kappa Alpha Theta, were placed on Omega's chain.

Thetas in the picture are (front row, left to right)—Mrs. Anson S. Blake, Mrs. Leslie M. Burwell, Mrs. Frank L. Kleeberger, Miss Grace deFremery, Mrs. Harry S. Nye, and Mrs. Nathaniel L. Gardner. (Back row, left to right) Miss Mabel Symmes, Mrs. Arthur Hargrave, Mrs. William H. Gorrill, Mrs. Earl A. Garrettson, and Miss Catherine Wickson.

Larsen home.

Our benefit for the Institute of Logopedics this year was an afternoon tea given at the Omega chapter house in April. Martin Rosenblatt who recently returned from the Orient, presented a program on "Treasures from Gumps." Mr. Rosenblatt is senior staff member of Gumps and oriental buyer. Besides the many rare objects of art that Mr. Rosenblatt illustrated in his talk, we had two door prizes which were copies of Carol Green Wilson's (Phi) book—"Gumps Treasure Trade," which were autographed by Mrs. Wilson. Our benefit proved most profitable with \$285.01 being cleared.

To honor those Kappa Alpha Thetas who have given 50 years or more of loyalty and devoted service to the fraternity, the Berkeley Alumnae chapter held a Golden Anniversary tea on May 25th at the Omega chapter house. Those honored were: Mrs. Earl Garrettson (Marion Whipple—Omega), Mrs. John L. Lohse (Marion Walsh—Omega), Mrs. Arthur Hargrave (Nan Gray—Alpha Epsilon), Mrs. Nathaniel Gardner (Edith Jordan—Phi), Julia Morgan (Omega), Mrs. H. H. North (Emma Morgan—Omega), Mrs. Frank Kleeberger (Helen Aldrich—Upsilon), Mrs. Anson Blake (Anita Symmes—Omega), Mrs. William Gorrill (Katherine Bunnell—Omega), Mrs. Maynard Wright (Charlotte Chambers—Phi), Grace de Fremery (Omega), Mrs. A. E. Chandler (Maud Grover—Phi), Mrs. Lester Jacobs (Mabel Hall—Omega), Mrs. Ralston Whitcomb (Mabel Knoll—Alpha Iota), Mrs.

John J. Valentine (Jacqueline Moore—Omega), Mrs. Francis Plant (Flora Pope—Delta), Mrs. Harry S. Nye (Grace Sutton—Omega), Mabel Symmes (Omega), Mrs. William Bray (Nora Thomas—Omega), Jean Tuttle (Rho), Mrs. H. W. Prescott (Clare Walton—Omega), Gladys Wickson (Omega), Kathryn Wickson (Omega), Mrs. Hudson Thomas (Ida Wickson—Omega), Ruth Wilder (Omega) and Mrs. William Olney (Minnie Wilson—Omega). Membership awards for these honored guests were presented by Mrs. William Gonser, toastmistress.

To those of us who were present it was a thrilling event to meet these Thetas whose devotion and loyalty over these many years made us grateful the fraternity has paid tribute to all Golden Anniversary Thetas over the country.

Summing up the year, it was most successful—largely due to a staff of efficient officers and to the fine spirit of our 64 Berkeley alumnae members. Already we are looking forward with a great deal of enthusiasm to another successful year under Esther Josi, our president.

Charlie Fenton Clarke

## BOSTON

Boston Alumnae opened its meetings in September, as the first of eight monthly meetings held in various members' homes in and around Boston.

The Founders' Day banquet was attended by 34 Thetas who daringly (and anonymously) dropped \$15 into the Friendship Fund box. The "high spot" of the evening was guest speaker Jean Buckley, a 5th year scholarship winner, now studying management training at Radcliffe.

\$63 were raised at the Christmas sale which, supplemented by a spring sale of food, plants, and sundry netting \$15, helped to send Mildred Stone to the convention at Quebec.

Speaking of convention, we wish to thank Mary Lou Porter and Jean Craig for their research, direction and work resulting in the famous "Boston Fleet" decorations for the opening dinner June 19th.

A most illustrious guest speaker, Mrs. Charles H. Stevens (President of District Five) was the highlight of our March Meeting.

### KAT-NIPS

Mabel Lagerlof finally returned to home port after a trip to Sweden over the Christmas season. . . . Modest Grace Johnson (one of our most faithful members) is in line for a 50 year certificate, but won't admit for how many years she has been eligible! Katherine Gibson, after months of necessary delay, finally left in January to join her husband in Iran for a year or more. . . . Faithful ex-district president Willie Shattuck transported our delegate, Mildred Stone and Dr. Maria Esther Aguirre (Theta's Fellowship student from Bolivia studying dentistry here) to and from the convention . . . with the help of border customs officials!

Edith C. Noyes

## BURLINGTON

The Burlington Alumnae chapter commenced its activities for the year in September, when a good representation attended a profitable Panhellenic meeting. Dean Mary Jean Simpson, speaker of the evening and one of our members, gave a challenging and stimulating talk on campus problems, emphasizing the responsibilities of alumnae in the life of college sororities.

In October we featured a project to help in our rehabilitation and relief program, a movie of Alan Pierce's "Sailing Around the World in Eighteen Months," which netted us \$133 for philanthropies. Later in the month we were entertained by Given Carpenter's vivid account of her summer trip to the coronation, to the continent, the Edinburgh Festival of Arts, and to the meeting of the International Federation of University Women at the University of London.

A food and talent sale at the November meeting added \$38 to the treasury, and the Christmas gathering was entertained by Anne Middlebrook in one of her delightful readings, and by a gift exchange of "white elephants." Our program of giving was emphasized in letters of thanks for gifts to the Institute of Logopedics, the district Foster Parents' Plan fund, in a vote to provide for one child's Christmas gifts at the Children's Home, and in a report on the Logopedics profits from magazine subscriptions.

The annual Founders' Day luncheon included the candle lighting ritual in memory of the founders, the presentation of a gift to the college chapter from Dean Simpson, a historical skit presented by three college girls, and the collection of birthday pennies for the Friendship Fund.

A bad storm made it necessary to cancel the February meeting, but on the following month an interesting report was given by Margaret Stevens of her experiences thus far as District President. The April meeting brought forth thoughts of spring as a local nurseryman gave practical suggestions for landscaping and gardening.

The impressive annual senior service in May welcomed the college seniors to alumnae status. Helen French spoke of the responsibilities and privileges which they now share. At commencement 76 Thetas gathered for our traditional June Spread, at which special tribute was paid to Mary Jean Simpson who retired as Dean of Women, a position she has held for the past 17 years. The inspiring part of the evening was the response by our beloved Miss Simpson. Two gifts were presented to her, a brief case to be used in her future activities (she is running for the state legislature) and a check for her to spend for additions to the Theta house. Gold paper certificates were awarded to 28 Thetas whose dates of initiation were included in the years 1883 through 1903.

At each meeting of the year two college chapter girls have been our guests, bringing their ideas and suggestions, and keeping us more closely in touch with their problems. A history of the chapter for the last twenty years has been completed by Alice H. Derby, our secretary, written at the request of the National Historian who is preparing a supplement to "Sixty

Years in Kappa Alpha Theta."

We are anticipating another pleasant and profitable year with Mary U. Lindsay as president.

Carolyn Hill Hodgdon

## CHICAGO SOUTH SIDE

With the close of our meetings in May, the Chicago South Side Thetas concluded a very successful year.

We tried to vary our meetings this year as to time, type and program. Opening the fall season last September, we had a dessert-bridge party at the home of Mrs. Raymond Peritz (Elinor Bell). In October, Mrs. T. F. Hornaday (Helen Merryweather) was our hostess at a supper meeting followed by a wonderful book review by Mrs. Albert Daniel. In November, our dessert meeting was held in the charming home of Mrs. A. M. Devoursney (Pauline Kanoerschild). Our own Theta, Purdie Meissner, an active member of the Tri-Suburban Alumnae Club, held us spellbound with tales of her wonderful experiences abroad.

In December, we all worked together to provide refreshments for an Open House for Thetas and their husbands. Mrs. E. W. Beck, Jr. (Patricia Henry), who is always so generous in inviting us to her home, again did the honors.

Our Founders' Day was commemorated at a luncheon held at Olympia Fields Country Club, Olympia Fields, Ill. Our Park Forest, Homewood, Chicago Heights, and Flossmoor Thetas joined us in honoring the occasion. Honored guests at the luncheon were Mrs. Tusten Ackerman, our District President; Mrs. David Swain, director of our Illinois Theta Project, and our own 50 year Theta, Mrs. John C. Gustafson (Jane Mather).

In February, Mrs. Dean DeButts (Mildred Crissey) held a dinner meeting in her lovely home. Instead of a planned program, we all enjoyed making favors for the March hospital party. In September and March our group had charge of preparations for the wonderful parties at Illinois Surgical Institute for Crippled Children. Mrs. A. M. Devoursney (Pauline Kanoerschild) our hospital chairman has done a tremendous job in making these parties happy occasions for the children. In March we were guests in Mrs. A. K. Richter's (Helen Johnson) apartment for an enjoyable dessert and a very interesting program by Lucy Key Miller, columnist for *The Chicago Tribune*.

April and thoughts of spring found us enjoying a very fine fashion forecast by Inez Brown, fashion coordinator from The Fair in Evergreen Park, Ill. Dinner preceded the talk in the lovely home of Mrs. Irving Boberg (Helen Thomas).

May brought our annual dance and most successful venture to date. Ably guiding the many plans and preparations was our dance chairman, Mrs. William Schuber (Doris Healey), assisted by an active committee. Our Illinois Theta project, the Illinois Surgical Institute, benefited from the party. The dance was held at beautiful Beverly Country Club, where a record crowd danced to the music of Rudy Austin. Our hats are off to all of our Thetas, whose enthusiasm and untiring efforts made this success possible.

Our May meeting and last of our chapter year was held in the home of Mrs. James Lindsey (Gladys Doty). After a delicious luncheon, our new officers were installed: president, Mrs. L. D. Snow (Barbara Biossat); first vice-president, Mrs. A. M. Devoursney (Pauline Kanoerschild); second vice-president, Mrs. Scott Holman (Beverly Davis); treasurer, Mrs. Paul Winkler, Jr. (Esther Smith); corresponding secretary, Mrs. William Schuber (Doris Healey); recording secretary, Mrs. Raymond Peritz (Elinor Bell).

With these fine Thetas at the helm of our ever increasing and congenial group, we are looking forward to another year as successful as this one.

Marilyn Wheeler Boyce

## CINCINNATI

Cincinnati alums began '54 full of the fun and fellowship they had renewed at a grand holiday dance in November—a just-like-old-times dance (even the same school-days orchestra playing the same tunes).

We gathered again, 175 strong on January 30 in the ballroom of the Cincinnati Club. Candles burned brightly to honor our founders and we met the youngest Thetas of all, Alpha Tau's new pledges. We enjoyed hearing Virginia Edwards, our district president and guest speaker.

In February we elected officers, headed by two-terminer Barbara Greene Stricker who did a wonderful job last year, and Peggy Parsons Carpenter. We have high hopes for success next year and are busy now filling out and processing recommendations on prospective Thetas to send over the country.

March 31st marked the visit of our Grand President, Ellen B. Hofstead, a charming lady we were all delighted to meet and know. She visited the actives on campus, lunched with the alumnae board at the Woman's Club, gave us fresh ideas and inspiration for the future.

Irma Pfleger Farrell opened her lovely home (with swimming pool!) to alums and offspring for the mother-daughter picnic in May. Sally Sellers Hayes enchanted us with her puppets, and we feasted fully.

Peg Parsons Carpenter has just returned from grand convention at the Frontenac in Quebec. We can't wait to hear all about it.

Patricia McFarland Becker

## CLEVELAND

We've had a wonderful year, working and playing together! Leading us capably and enthusiastically through the year has been Margaret Augustine Laidley (Tau). Serving with her have been Marjorie Salzman Ehlert (Iota) vice-president; Helen Boggis Burdg (Beta Tau) recording secretary; Margery Young Hamel (Beta Tau) corresponding secretary; Ann Shepard (Beta Tau) treasurer; Emmy Lou Cable Green (Gamma Deuteron) Panhellenic delegate; and Iva Faye Herman Zollar (Gamma Deuteron) archivist. Our heartiest congratulations on a job well done.

Bea Thorson Metz really made our project committee an active one. She added a real Christmas touch to our usually social December party at Elizabeth

Young Coppedge's home. We all brought toys and art supplies that were packed and shipped to the little children of Prahashpur, India. Thetas here in Cleveland have always been quite interested in Schaufler College, a local institution, and we were only too glad to come to the aid of one of its former students, Miss Lela Wasser, who is a missionary in India. Our gifts will certainly help her make Christmas a merry one for the destitute wee ones of Prahashpur.

In addition to our contributions to the Institute of Logopedics, we are most proud and pleased to tell you about our gift to the Cleveland Speech and Hearing Center. We have furnished an audiometric testing room for them. The room within a room is on the first floor of their new building and we have provided an E-2 Audiometer and table and chairs. They also needed very badly an intercommunication system for use in the observation rooms, and with the help of the West Shore Club Cleveland Thetas were able to supply these needs. The intercommunication system consists of an amplifier, speaker, and microphone.

Our supper chairman, Gladys Breen Hill (Gamma Deuteron) and our program chairman, Nilah Jane Whitehair Moore (Gamma Deuteron) provided such wonderful meals and excellent speakers that we broke all attendance records, added a few pounds, and gained quite a bit of new knowledge. We started off the year with a meeting at Emmy Lou Cable Green's new home where we heard the success story of our District Convention and a most interesting lecture on the individual's place in world politics. October found us at

Annie Bishop Thoburn's (Mu) where a representative of Ohio Bell made us very proud of the women of Ohio. At Harriet McCann Roudebush's (Beta Tau) in November, we laughed and cried with one of Cleveland's leading actresses, but had our own Theta Little Theatre when Lillian "Skippy" Phipps (Eta) and B. J. Coulston (Mu) wrote, directed, and produced a whole evening of entertainment for us in February. Vacations got our attention in March when the AAA came to our meeting at Marcia Kenyon Bissell's home. We joined the West Shore Club at Ruth Brigham Hutchinson's home and ended our year at the home of Cordelia Farley Helm (Beta Phi)!

Founders' Day stands out as one of the most outstanding meetings of the year. The tables at the Cleveland Skating Club were decorated with pansies—real, live pansies which we had grown ourselves! Ann Thoburn Fauver (Mu) and Emmy Lou Green were responsible for the novel idea and thanks to Emmy Lou's greenhouse it became a reality. After the ritual and stirring speech by Lois Blount Sheedy (Gamma), each of us went away with one of the pansy plants—a nice ending for a very nice day.

Seven women were honored on Founders' Day when we presented 50 year awards to Maude Lyon Bell (Alpha Gamma), Claire Dovey Brown (Rho), Janet N. Clapp (Chi), Harriet Hoyle Green (Brown) and Hope Erwin Griswold (Alpha). Our congratulations to seven very loyal and wonderful Thetas!

With the same enthusiasm with which we sailed through 1953-54, we look forward to 1954-55 and

*A Dozen  
for  
Dinner*



This picture was taken at the Birthday Dinner held on May 19, 1954 honoring the fifty-year Alpha Gamma Thetas. Thirty-one women were honored with eleven present at the celebration. Virginia Speidel Edwards presented the awards.

Reading left to right: Anna Prall, Lois Dann, Grace Dann Rudin, Belle Pugh, Florence Dann Waddell, Frances Yeazell Landacre, Edith Cockins, Grace Eagleson, Virginia Edwards, Jessie Carpenter Sears, Ethel Baldwin Scott, and Katherine Kiser.

know it will be another year of achievement and growth. Margaret Laidley is again at our helm supported by Evelyn Wasson Horn (Beta Phi) as vice-president and also our delegate to the National Convention. Our May meeting saw their installation and also that of Marjorie Ehlert as recording secretary; Lois Anderson Foukal (Eta), corresponding secretary; Pauline Rogers (Iota), treasurer; Emmy Lou Green again representing us in Cleveland's Panhellenic Council; and Vera Reynolds Way (Beta) as archivist.

This was 1953-54.

Lou Jenkins Eliot

## COLUMBUS

The 1953-54 year proved to be another busy and very enjoyable one in the history of the Columbus Alumnae chapter. Nelle Morse McConaughay, our president, moved to Washington, D.C., so during the greater part of the year Lois Ann Woods Crane (Alpha Gamma) served as both president and vice-president.

During the year we had many interesting meetings and projects to work on. We had a Chinese auction to raise funds and our first alumnae dance was a great success. It was held March 27 at the Fort Hayes Hotel and the turnout was much greater than we had anticipated. All of the proceeds from this event went to the Institute of Logopedics. We also contributed substantially to the maintenance committee of the Alpha Gamma House Corporation.

Our annual Pin Service tea was held December 6 at the Ohio State chapter house and pins were awarded for scholarship, personality, creative arts, activities, and fraternity service.

The Founders' Day luncheon was held January 23 at the Student Union on campus. Virginia Speidel Edwards, president of District X and a Theta from Alpha Tau was our speaker. Her subject was based on the heritage of Kappa Alpha Theta and its history in Ohio.

Our Birthday Dinner held at the chapter house on May 19 was quite a gala affair. We honored 31 fifty year Alpha Gamma Thetas of which eleven were present. Virginia Speidel Edwards presented the awards. Our speaker for the dinner was Mary Tarbell Carlile, former president of District X and a member of Gamma Deuteron. We concluded the evening by welcoming the recent graduates into the alumnae circle with the traditional Ivy Service.

The Columbus Alumnae chapter elected Lois Ann Woods Crane as president for the year 1954-55. She was also our delegate to the convention at Quebec and was elected to serve on the nominating committee there. The new officers serving with her are Betsy Townsend Zahn (Alpha Gamma) vice-president; Virginia Lanum Leon (Alpha Gamma) recording secretary; Eloise Edwards Hays (Alpha Gamma) corresponding secretary; and Betty Hodges Kennon (Gamma) treasurer. Other officers are Jo Cole Linville (Gamma Deuteron) Panhellenic delegate; Marjorie Smith Packard (Alpha Gamma) alternate; Betty Lou Evans Frost (Alpha Gamma) editor; and Nancy Fox McIntyre (Beta Tau) archivist.

We are all looking forward with enthusiasm to a successful year ahead.

Betty Lou Evans Frost

## DALLAS

1953-54 has been a banner year for our Dallas Alumnae chapter. Every undertaking has been successful, from our get acquainted coke party in September at Peg Howard Block's to our Senior Welcoming in May.

Under Ruth Newhouse Burton's enthusiastic guidance each project was an accomplishment. We are looking forward with anticipation to the coming year with Janet Fullenwider Foster as our new president.

Our money making projects are truly "something to crow about"—\$1,772 profit on our Christmas card sales. Jo Lea Horton Gordon was an able chairman of our biggest card sale yet. \$1,200 was donated to our own speech center of the Dallas Society for Crippled Children Clinic, and \$300 sent to the Institute of Logopedics. Besides our contributions, many of our members, headed by Barbara Barteldes Reynolds, give numerous hours of volunteer services to the Speech Center year around.

Elise Lipscomb Ferguson headed another rewarding project. A combination style show and tea was given in March at the S.M.U. chapter house. Our own Theta children were the models with the clothes by Young Ages Shop. The alumnae group's annual gift to the chapter house will be presented with the \$300 proceeds from this lovely event.

Attendance at our meetings has doubled. The reasons: grand programs under the direction of Mildred McCreary Foster, and delicious luncheons planned by Madge Phelps Davis and Ruth Burton. We were happy to welcome into our group alumnae from our new college chapter at Texas Tech. Kitty Baker Maxwell, our Alumnae State Chairman, attended the founding ceremonies.

Founders' Day was celebrated at the S.M.U. chapter house with the traditional ceremony. A buffet supper was served for over a hundred alumnae and actives who attended the services.

Much has been accomplished under the leadership of Ruth Burton and Janet Foster. We are looking forward to another grand year in our Dallas Alumnae chapter.

Mary Lou Sanford Farrow

## DAYTON

The Dayton Ohio Alumnae chapter is very fortunate in numbering among its members an educated "KAT." This "KAT" sends out quarterly bulletins to all members, announcing the meetings for the period, and cleverly enough, puts in just enough information—or leaves out just enough, so that everyone is so curious about what is going to happen they are afraid to miss the meetings. The attendance record has really been stimulated by this means.

This talented "KAT" (Lois Wurstner Oblinger) has been doing this job for the past two years, along with her busy life of doing a daily television show for

Dayton's leading department store. Now that she has her own private television show in her own home—her small daughter—a larger portion of her time is taken up, and we are all wondering if the "KAT" is going to continue, or if it is to pass into oblivion.

At any rate, the 1953-54 season opened with a bang in September, with a full scheduled meeting. Sue De Armon Ashmun, our delegate to District Convention, gave a full report of all activities there. With all the ideas she gathered we then made plans as to how we were going to assist the college chapter at Miami University, in Oxford, Ohio, both in a financial and advisory capacity. The financial support was the largest problem, but it was decided that all the proceeds of our bake goods sale, which we have each meeting, be ear-marked for them. So a definite program was set up, and although the sums were nominal each month it was successful and proved useful to them.

With all the zest that fall brings with the frost in the air, our enterprising Project Chairman, Mary Lib Taylor, arrived at the October meeting all ready for Christmas—or at least armed with some of the materials to make us think of Christmas. She had boxes and books of Christmas cards for us to order from, and boxes of Christmas wrapping paper for sale. She did real well that evening too, and really got the ball rolling so that by the time the November meeting came, and the annual Talent Sale, with all the wonderful things to buy for our own use and to eat, it went over with a bang. It was the best Talent Sale ever. Made more money than any preceding year. Almost reached the \$200 mark, and needless to say, we were mighty proud to be able to make such a large contribution to the Institute of Logopedics.

Before the fall season was over late in October we had a square dance party for members and guests. All of those attending had a delightful time, and even though those who did all the work in preparation wondered if it was worth it (as we always feel) the rest of us are hoping that they will bend their efforts in the same direction again this fall.

Christmas arrived on schedule, as it always does, year after year, and all of the actives and pledges came home for vacation. We helped them celebrate their vacation by having a luncheon at the home of Dorothy Schleman Darrow, which was a genuine treat for all. The food was excellent (furnished by the alums) and the decorations beautiful, and the atmosphere very festive.

Betty Locke Hamilton, Alice Allen Brandt, Betty Tipton Lindsey and Hannah Fitch Shaw did a wonderful thing in founding Kappa Alpha Theta in January. I can't think of a better way to start out the new year, nor a better way for each and every one of us to start out each year, by celebrating Founders' Day. This year, upon request, last year's program—the College Initiation Service—was repeated. It is truly a wonderful service, and grows more and more impressive, and takes on a deeper meaning with the years. Everyone was thrilled to watch and participate in the service, and I feel we are all better Thetas after that meeting.

February found us electing officers and our retiring president, Marjorie Stock Pohl, who had done such an

outstanding job for the past two years, performed her final duties. Marge was always full of enthusiasm, and her exuberance trickled down to each and every one. She has a very capable successor, Susan Ray Marquardt, and with all of Sue's vigor, the spark which Marge kindled, will continue to burn and the chapter will go on to greater accomplishments. After the congratulations were over, the meeting turned to a more serious theme of witnessing a sound movie on Civilian Defense. We went away from that meeting planning our air-raid shelters, and hoping that all the things we had seen which could happen, would never happen to us.

With the first breath of springtime in the air in March, all seriousness left us for the balance of the year. We turned to bridge playing, and in the succeeding months of April and May, a Millinery Style Show, and a Travel Lecture. The millinery style show was the high light of the spring season, however, as six members, after selecting costumes from their own wardrobes, had them co-ordinated with the hats by an exclusive shop. They were all little darlings—the mannequins the hats and the prices. Our Mistress of Ceremonies—Joyce Grierson Shepard, did a masterful job, and gave the show a professional touch.

Our efforts in June were directed toward a rummage and white elephant sale—to get all the debris cleaned out for the summer, so we would be ready for a fresh start again in the fall—all anxious and waiting for the report Sue Marquardt will make about her trip and experience while attending the Grand Convention.

Dorothea H. Spindler

## DENVER

The Denver Alumnae chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta was active during the past year, running the gamut from presenting money-raising fashion shows and book-reviews to Christmas parties for the Thetas and their escorts or husbands.

Last August, the junior group of the alums sponsored a fashion show and luncheon which was held at the Aviation Country Club. We netted over \$400 from this project, all of which was given to the Colorado Society For Crippled Children at Sewall House in Denver. Theta alums and children modeled. Two specialty shops furnished the garments and accessories, and the models showed them to a full house. It was such a successful event, that the fashion show will now be an annual affair.

In September, a joint meeting of senior and junior groups was held, so that all alums could be present to hear the report on district convention which was held in Oklahoma. During the month of September, we also participated in rushing activities at Beta Gamma at Colorado A and M in Fort Collins, Beta Iota at Colorado University in Boulder, and Beta Omega at Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

The Finance Committee sponsored the brunch-book review which was held in October. It was held at the manufacturing plant owned by a Denver alum. The money netted from this venture went to the Institute of Logopedics at Wichita, Kansas.

There were two noteworthy events during the month

of December, the annual Eggnog party for alums and their husbands or escorts, and a coffee for all active Thetas and Theta pledges who were in Denver for the holidays. In January, Ruth Evans Nate, ("Mother Nate" as we refer to her in Denver) was the guest of honor at Founders' Day luncheon which was held at Lakewood Country Club. "Mother Nate" has been a Theta for seventy years. The program at Founders' Day was called "The Kappa Alpha Theta Story," telling the story of Theta's founding and early days. It was presented by four Thetas from Beta Gamma at Fort Collins.

Another joint meeting was held in March, and an election of officers was held at that time. The program was extremely interesting and outstanding. It was a presentation on fraternity education given by a panel of alums from the senior group. Also in March, the Denver chapter joined with Beta Iota at Colorado University and the Boulder alumnae club to give a tea at the Beta Iota chapter house honoring Dr. and Mrs. Ward Darley. Dr. Darley is the president of Colorado University. Mrs. Darley is the former president of the Theta Mothers' Club in Denver. The guests included the Panhellenic delegates from Denver and their husbands, representatives from the University of Colorado faculty and the University of Colorado Medical School faculty.

The annual spring tea was the highlight of May. Guests were Theta alums, the Mothers' Club, and the actives and housemothers of all Colorado chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta. Individual meetings of the senior and junior groups of the chapter were held monthly except months when joint meetings were held.

We in Denver are proud to close our letter with the news that a life membership in the Institute of Logopedics was awarded to us during 1954 national convention at Quebec.

Beverly Anderson Nemiro

## DES MOINES

All ready to start on another challenging year with new projects and programs is the Des Moines alumnae chapter.

Looking over our shoulder at last season brings pleasant memories of things accomplished, of times enjoyed together. Again we sent a check to the Institute for Logopedics at Wichita, Kan. Our check for \$240 came from the sale of Christmas decorations, a handsome collection of beguiling variety that sold well and gave a lot of fun to the makers. One decoration-making group had such a delightful time together that the members now sew together and even had a dinner-dance. This summer they got started ahead of time on ornaments for the 1954 Christmas sale.

The Des Moines group had interesting monthly dinner meetings with speakers who talked on safety, landscaping, decorating and travel. Founders' Day was celebrated with a brunch party at the Golf and Country club. The actives entertained with a sprightly hillbilly skit. A white elephant sale at one meeting netted both money and fun. An annual rummage sale also did well.

In May the group gave its yearly breakfast party honoring seniors graduating from Drake University

(Beta Kappa chapter). The girls were given crystal and silver ash trays with Kappa Alpha Theta letters.

There are four Theta bridge clubs in spirited play now.

This last year a "buddy" program was inaugurated. Each girl in the Beta Kappa chapter has a "buddy" in the alumnae group. A picnic for them got the idea off to a jolly start.

Four from the Des Moines alumnae chapter attended the national convention at Quebec where they had a wonderful time and absorbed atmosphere and stimulating ideas. The four: Betty Harter Housh (Beta Kappa), new president; Lois Brown Harris (Gamma), Maxine Rutledge Wilson (Beta Kappa), Mary Kay Huffman Iverson (Gamma Gamma). At the convention our chapter was presented its life membership certificate for having sent \$1,000 to the Institute of Logopedics.

This new club year the Des Moines group will have its regular monthly dinner meetings and again stage the Christmas decoration sale. There has been discussion, too, of taking up some local charity work.

The new officers are: president, Betty Harter Housh (Beta Kappa); vice president, Helen Harper Dooley (Kappa); secretary, Connie Egelund Lorentzen (Beta Kappa); corresponding secretary, Phyllis Eitman Curnes (Beta Omicron); treasurer, Mary Williams Crouch (Beta Kappa).

Charlotte Dickson Brunk

## DETROIT

The Detroit Thetas have spent another successful and enjoyable year. We had four business meetings, a tea, and Founders' Day luncheon at the International Institute. We were delighted our District President, Mrs. Max B. Tunnicliffe could be with us.

In March, Kathryn Turney Garten was the speaker at Detroit Town Hall. Mrs. Garten is a Beta Theta and the Detroit Thetas sponsored a subscription luncheon at the Women's City Club in her honor.

State Day was held at Schuler's in Marshall. Fourteen Thetas from Detroit went over to the luncheon and then over to the Albion campus where we were entertained at tea. It has been decided to re-establish Pi chapter at Albion and we are most pleased.

In order to support our philanthropies we again sold Christmas cards and it was our most successful year. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Gordon Buehrig we cleared \$1,738.80 and were able to send the Institute of Logopedics \$500 and the Detroit Orthopaedic Clinic \$1,135. Some of the Thetas are driving children each Wednesday night to their supper club at the Clinic. And still other Thetas are working at the Cancer Clinic and the Toy Workshop.

Detroit placed first among all chapters in their sale of magazines for the fifth consecutive year. And, of course, we are very proud of this record.

So we finished this year with a feeling of accomplishment but looking forward to this fall for more fun and work with Mrs. Clinton Stimpson, our president, guiding us.

Elaine S. Jacobs

## EDMONTON

Highlight of the 1953-54 season for the Edmonton Alumnae chapter was the inauguration of the Evelyn Dickson Award for scholastic achievement. Honouring the late Evelyn Ward Dickson, Toronto Alumna who for many years took an active interest in the Beta Chi Chapter at the University of Alberta, the award is in the form of Mrs. Dickson's fraternity pin, mounted on black velvet in a shadow frame of mahogany and gold. The award is to be presented annually to the pledge having the highest average in the final examinations and was won this year by Ann Hart, a student nurse.

Presentation of the award was made at the first meeting of the year and we were pleased to have with us Mrs. Dickson's daughters, Ann Dickson and Mrs. Robert Cormack, as well as our District President, Mrs. Beil, who was making her annual visit to the chapter.

Chapter projects this year included a white elephant sale, telephone bridge, and sale of novelty loaf sugar, the latter project being especially successful. Sparked by the enthusiasm of Mrs. George Shipley, who was in charge of the venture, we sold imported sugar lumps decorated in wildflower and Christmas motifs to members and friends. With the proceeds from these activities, we donated to the Institute of Logopaedics, sent our official delegate to Grand Convention in Quebec City and helped with the purchase of a combination radio and record-player as our Christmas gift to the chapter house.

Officers who will lead the Alumnae chapter for the coming year were installed in April at a supper meeting at The Cathayan, which featured wonderful Chinese food and a social get-together. New officers are Miss Verna Craddock, president; Miss Joyce Tomie, secretary; Miss Shirley Smith, treasurer; Miss

Rita Hrynyk, social convenor; and Mrs. R. W. Sherbaniuk, editor. Verna, as new president, was our delegate to convention.

Final item on the calendar this year was the party given annually by the alums for the graduating class. Nineteen girls, the largest graduating class in the history of Beta Chi chapter, received their traditional gifts of crested silver spoons at a buffet supper party at the chapter house, during the busy days of convocation. Special guests at the party were the mothers of the graduates, and members of the alumnae were assisted with preparations for the party by members of the newly formed Edmonton Mothers' Club.

**Georgina R. Sherbaniuk**

## EL PASO

With the receiving of our chapter last May, the newly installed Alumnae chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta feels that we have established some sort of record. Not only have we been isolated geographically by several hundred miles from the nearest chapter, but we have been going strong since early 1900 when Madge Hornbrook White began the job of organizing the alums with only three members. We are proud, too, not only of our many accomplishments through the years, but also of the fact that our chapter boasts of two fifty year members. Madge White became a member at Indiana (Beta) in 1894, while Leona Pack Elliott received her kite in 1896.

Our alumnae chapter also has reason to be proud of many outstanding members civicwise. Among them: Winifred Kennedy Ponder (Beta Delta) who served as president of the Junior League of El Paso while also serving as "First Lady" (her husband was then mayor of El Paso). Katherine Clark Johnson (Beta Sigma), recording secretary, is a former member of the



Introducing the members of the newly installed El Paso Alumnae chapter who met in the home of their president, Mrs. Louis Daeble (Margaret Barron, Alpha Theta) to hear the convention delegate, Eva Linn Carter Rumsey, give a report on the national convention.

Ballet Russe and now has her own Ballet Academy here. . . . Frances Roderick Barnard (Alpha Delta) has the title of having been three Queens: May Queen of Radford School for Girls in El Paso, May Queen of Goucher, and Sun Carnival Queen during the annual celebration at Christmas time also in El Paso. . . . Catherine Hawbaker Pogson (Delta), another past president of the Junior League is just completing a term as committee woman of the Republican Party for this district which included serving on the state board of the Republican party. . . . Louise Pitchford (Beta Iota) was honored this year by representing Panhellenic as Duchess to the Sun Carnival . . . and Elizabeth Cameron Davis (Alpha Theta), immediate past President, of the Junior League, has just been elected Director of Region VIII and is now a member of the board of the Association of Junior Leagues of America.

Frances Hoard Glasier

## EVANSTON

Plans for the Telephone Game Night, major fund raising project of the year for the Evanston Alumnae chapter, kept many alumnae occupied during the summer and early fall of 1953. The benefit was held in October and approximately 100 parties, featuring bridge, canasta or poker, were held in the homes of various alumnae with eight or more "paying guests" attending each party. The North Shore was divided into four areas with a telephone center in each so that each party competed within its own area for prizes. Monies from last year's benefit were contributed to the Illinois Children's Hospital School and the Illinois Surgical Institute, as well as the Institute of Logopedics. The unique benefit proved so successful that it will be repeated again this year. A committee is already at work on plans for this year's benefit.

Highlights of other meetings throughout the 1953-54 season included the annual pledge social at the Theta house on the Northwestern campus. Three Theta groups participated in the dessert and program honoring the Tau pledges. These were the Evanston and North Shore Alumnae chapter, the Junior Auxiliary, and the Theta Mothers' Club.

At the November meeting the theme was "Know and sew for your Theta state charity." Members attending the meeting helped to decorate Christmas stockings for the young patients of the Illinois Surgical Institute, a state-operated orthopedic hospital. The stockings were cut and stitched previously by the Theta sewing group which for the past fifteen years has been meeting twice a month to sew for the hospital whatever has been needed.

The twenty to twenty-six Thetas who make up the sewing unit have made over the years: pillowcases, parattraps (examining garments), hospital shirts, and quilts by the gross. They have mended clothes and refurbished toys which have been donated for the children by the alumnae as a whole. However, when the necessities have been taken care of, the group then turns to its most popular task of dressing dolls. Some years back, Chicago area Thetas began a project of dressing dolls to be used as toys for girl patients. It was soon discovered that the children were reluctant

to leave their favorite dolls behind when it was time for their release from the hospital. Theta central committee of Chicago decided to furnish dolls for each child to play with not only at the hospital, but also to take home when that time came. The various Theta sewing groups throughout the area have undertaken the task of dressing the dolls.

Members of the alumnae group entertained their husbands at an evening meeting in January. The program featured movies on mountain climbing presented by an Evanston couple who as a hobby have climbed mountains of the United States and Europe.

The Northwestern Theta house was the scene of the Founders' Day celebration in February. Eleven residents of the North Shore, who had been Thetas for fifty years, were honored guests. Those attending were presented with certificates for their golden anniversary of membership by the president of the North Shore alumnae chapter. In all there are eighteen fifty-year Thetas living on the North Shore.

"Glamour Craft" and "Experiences of a Newspaperwoman" were the programs for the March and April meetings. The March meeting featured a demonstration on beading sweaters, hats and gloves and the making of costume jewelry. A reporter from the *Chicago Tribune* gave a very interesting and enlightening talk at the program in April.

Activities for the year were climaxed with the annual May luncheon and book review at Westmoreland Country Club.

Jean Bonisteel Knecht

## GARY

Our Gary Alumnae chapter's activities grow as the years pass. 1953-54 has been a busy one for all of us. Our big project this year (and it's going to be, every year) was our rummage sale held at the Settlement House in October. It netted us quite a tidy profit which went to the Institute.

At Christmas time our committee, with Mrs. Robert Walker as chairman, gave us a wonderful party and delicious dinner at the Hotel Gary. Jane Walker did a beautiful job on the table decorations. Also during this season we undertook to sell glasses decorated appropriately with snowmen and the word "Noel."

In the spring as is our usual custom, we exchanged a meeting with the Hammond club. This May being our turn, we entertained 35 Hammond and Gary Thetas at the home of Mrs. T. H. Sanderson. Our program was an interesting one given by Mr. Joseph Galler (outstanding local florist), on floral arrangements and decorations.

Our annual potluck dinner in June was at the Ogden Dunes home of Mrs. Roald Glesne. We were pleased to have with us that evening our three new actives . . . Barbara Burns and Karen Emmett of Beta, and Della Rose Phillips of Alpha. We were honored to have them, for they had just arrived home that very morning from school.

Also in June we held a luncheon at the Gary Country Club for high school seniors interested in attending college. Coming up in August is the big annual Pin Parade at the Gary Hotel, which our Panhellenic

gives for all girls registering for college in the fall. It is the purpose of this event to familiarize the girls with college sororities and their advantages. We will have Barbara Burns modelling for us in the fashion show of new school clothes. This part is the highlight of the Pin Parade.

Aside from keeping our husbands happy, helping our children to grow, and some of us holding responsible positions, the Gary Thetas make a practice of keeping our chapter busy and definitely happy.

Garnet Burns

## GREENCASTLE

The Greencastle Alumnae chapter had their usual busy season. Our first two meetings were for business and then pleasure but our Christmas get-together was held in the chapter house "bumroom" with the new Theta pledge class. We all brought gifts for the children at the Institute of Logopedics and saw very interesting color slides of the work done with the handicapped children. Our next meeting was for pleasure, too. This was our Founders' Day meeting held with the active chapter at the chapter house. Prefaced by a delightful dessert, we shared our tribute to the founders of Kappa Alpha Theta. The business following this meeting was chiefly to organize our rummage sale which was held two weeks later.

Our election of officers produced the following slate for the 1954-55 season: president—Chloe James Bennett; vice president—Jane Brown Eckardt; recording secretary—Katherine Manhart Walton; chapter secretary—Mabel Wright; treasurer—Mildred Allen, and editor—Dorothy Cline Yunghans.

A lovely spring luncheon at the DePauw Union Building climaxed our year. The attendance at this meeting proved that Thetas love a good social meeting. Our last money-making project was a buffet supper for the seniors and their parents preceding the commencement exercises. From our year's financial efforts we purchased a clock for the library of the chapter house.

Dorothy Yunghans

## HARTFORD

The first project of the Hartford Alumnae chapter proved to be the focal point of the year's activities. With the all-out effort of our members, a benefit bridge was held for the Institute of Logopedics. After decorating table prizes, selling tickets and preparing refreshments, Thetas and their friends enjoyed a pleasant evening and were able to send a \$75 check to our national philanthropy.

We joined together in the traditional holiday spirit at our annual party in December. Mrs. Albert Jorgenson, Jr., of Newington graciously opened her home to Thetas and their husbands or dates for the evening.

Founders' Day was observed with a dinner meeting at the Maple Hill restaurant in Hartford. Many members attended and our representative to National Convention was elected.

In the spring, we journeyed to the University of Connecticut for a combination meeting with the Gamma Zeta chapter. Mrs. Harrison B. Wilson, our

Philanthropy Chairman spoke about the Institute of Logopedics and showed slides. Our scholarship award was presented to Nancy Albro, the junior showing the most progress within the past year.

The remainder of the year found Thetas busily preparing decorations for convention and electing a slate of officers for the coming year. Mrs. Hobart Potter, our convention representative, was elected president.

Mary Jezyk

## HONOLULU

The annual Theta Doll Fair keeps the Honolulu chapter busy year round with sewing and planning for the project, which helps us raise funds for the institute of Logopedics.

Founders' Day was celebrated January 30 with a luncheon at the Pacific Club. A grand representation of our own chapter as well as visiting Theta Alumnae from various places throughout the United States attended the affair. In June, our president, Mrs. Clarke M. Ward left on a trip to represent us at the convention in Quebec.

We were honored to have Mary Quayle Bradley, wife of the famed General Omar Bradley, visiting in the island this summer. A tea was held in her honor on June 30 at the scenic home of Mrs. F. B. Carter atop Lurline Drive. A gorgeous view of the island and ocean provided a tropical setting as well as Mrs. Carter's exquisite orchid collection arranged in her open lanai. Here alumnae as well as many visiting members from college chapters talked with gracious Mrs. Bradley. Old friendships were also renewed, as Mrs. Bradley served with our chapter years ago when General Bradley did a tour of duty in Hawaii.

On July 24th we honored the visiting Thetas during a morning coffee hour at the Uluniu Club on Waikiki beach. Many colleges and universities were represented and we enjoyed meeting the girls and hearing about new developments in college chapters.

Officers elected to carry on duties for the coming year are: Mrs. Clarke M. Ward, president; Mrs. Anson Hines, vice-president; Mrs. M. A. Heinrick, recording secretary; Mrs. Roland White, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Betty Cowden, treasurer; and Mrs. Robert Harlocker, editor.

Nancy G. Harlocker

## HOUSTON

Another busy Theta year has been completed and we all look back on it with satisfaction. Our already large alumnae chapter is still growing, but under the capable and enthusiastic leadership of our President, Lydia Marks Petty (Alpha Chi), our business meetings were streamlined with the aid of news letters and we were able to hold the interest of all.

In the summer and fall we worked hard preparing for our Theta antique show. Held in October, it was a gratifying success enabling us to divide a profit of \$2,700 between the Institute of Logopedics and our local philanthropy, the Houston Speech and Hearing Center.

In December our annual tea honoring active Thetas,



The alumnae of Houston, Texas, came in costume to their Founders' Day luncheon. Left to right: Christine Waterfield Radly of Alpha Eta; Maurine Harvey Truitt of Alpha Omicron and Florence Aves Bland of Alpha Theta.

pledges and their mothers was held. Our Founders' Day was celebrated with a luncheon at which our new District Alumnae Chairman, Dorothy Marks McNutt, was the guest of honor. We came in costumes worn during our respective college years, or if we were not the saving kind, a costume suitable for a Theta of yesteryear. Augmenting the costumes which ran from the beautiful to the hilarious were large bulletin boards on which old snapshots and photographs of members were mounted providing an interesting guessing game. How we have changed!

In February a white elephant sale enlivened the luncheon and in April, our officers were installed. Joanna Keith Fabling is our new president; Mary Chandler Lyman Kinzbach is president-elect; Joanne Patterson Fehr, vice president; Florence Aves Bland, recording secretary; Linda Colbert West, corresponding secretary; Louise Hardin Renfrou, treasurer; Etoile McLeod Murphy, editor; and panhellenic delegate, Jean Felder Shelton.

The year ended on a high note with our annual May picnic to which husbands are invited.

Etoile McLeod Murphy

## INDIANAPOLIS

Thirty new members were welcomed into the Indianapolis Alumnae chapter, when the first meeting of the year 1953-54 was held with Mrs. Elmer Sherwood as a gracious hostess. Eleanor Cook Stradling (Gamma) reported on recommendations from the District I meeting which was held at Maxincukee Inn in June. There were reports from various committees concerning the Talent Bazaar and Guest Tea held in the Marott Hotel. This project kept many groups of Thetas busy throughout the entire year. Under the co-chairmanship of Jeanne Stewart Wynne and Mary Harrison Conner, this year's bazaar offered many innovations such as a hat booth and the ever popular Christmas decorations, which sell well since everyone is Christmas shopping

that time of year. Proceeds from this bazaar provided the money for our chapter contributions to the Institute of Logopedics and our local Marion County Child Guidance Clinic. Mrs. John K. Goodwin, an active member of our chapter and also active in the Clinic talked to our group about this important work at our October meeting. Other programs throughout the year included one on fraternity education, another on the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg, an interesting discussion on the landscaping of our yards and grounds and a welcome visit from our District President, Mrs. M. B. Tunnicliffe.

Besides our monetary gifts, we are proud of the hours of service given by our membership to the Well-Baby Clinic at Riley Hospital for Children, where members serve two days every week.

As usual, the high light of the year was the Founders' Day luncheon when over 500 Thetas gathered in the Riley Room of the Claypool Hotel. A few eyes were dim with Theta memories but many more were as bright and shiny as their new Theta kites. A song contest gave the actives an opportunity to introduce the current favorites on the campuses and Beta chapter won the silver tray. A contribution of birthday pennies was sent to the Friendship Fund. On this occasion, Mrs. J. F. Crawford, First Grand Vice President was our delightful visitor and inspiring speaker.

New officers in whom confidence has been placed for the continuation of these activities include: president, Mrs. Eleanor Hilgenberg Hatfield (Beta); vice president, Mrs. Virginia Lentz Smith (Beta Tau); secretary, Mrs. Jane Scarff McKinney (Alpha Chi); corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jane Willis Nail (Gamma); treasurer, Mrs. Joan Bartholemew Garvey (Beta); editor, Mrs. Esther Bassett Cavanagh (Alpha) and archivist, Miss Dorothy Yates (Alpha Chi).

Esther Cavanagh

## Intermission



The Lebanon Theta club gave a Printin' Party for the editor, arranged in minute detail by Laura Louise Metzger McCutchan, former Grand First Vice President. The centerpiece, filled with pansies and daisies, was a portable typewriter; the candlesticks were inkwells; the editor wore an eyeshade and apron made of newsprint material, and her corsage was composed of galley slugs. The gift presented her was a briefcase (much needed) which was wrapped in newsprint, tied with teletape, and decorated with lead slugs.

Those pictured at the table are: Betty Ramey Wisehart, Gamma; Mary Ellen Parr, Beta, the editor; Laura Louise McCutchan, Alpha, and Marie Hill Neuman, Gamma.

## KANSAS CITY

The first crisp days of October provided a suitable background for "Fashions from Suzee's," the first program of the year for the Kansas City Alumnae chapter. With Dorothy Carothers Holmes (Alpha Tau), presiding at the home of Jane Duff Cain (Alpha Mu), plans were eagerly laid for the year's activities.

First chance to put this eagerness to work came in November when the University of Kansas Medical Center Speech Clinic was adopted as our local project. With chairman Jane Duff Cain (Alpha Mu) leading the list, volunteers were signed for work at the clinic. The program for this month's meeting at Emily Hettinger Smith's (Alpha Delta) was a review of A. J. Cronin's new novel, *Beyond This Place*, dramatically presented by Rev. Herbert H. Duenow.

Project A for December was the sale of tickets, with an electric train as first prize. Able chairman Shirley Jones Schutzel (Alpha Mu) made arrangements for members to sell tickets in a downtown store, and helped us realize a profit of \$767.35, all of which was sent to the Institute of Logopedics. The December meeting was held at the home of Margaret Hodder Davis (Kappa).

Founders' Day brought 104 members to the Saddle and Sirloin Club to hear Mrs. Charles Edward Brandriff, grand Alumnae Secretary, speak on "Fraternity Responsibility." Special guests were our "Fifty-year Thetas": Mrs. Morris L. Alden, Mrs. Lawrence Burd, Mrs. R. O. Davis, Miss Nina A. Drake, Mrs. Edward D. Ellison, Mrs. Josephine Greef, Mrs. Maybelle Wagstaff Geffries, Mrs. Louis F. Nelson, Mrs. Robert M. Snyder, Mrs. Mary Barnett Vining, Mrs. Frank Heywood Hodder, Mrs. Charles R. Howard, and Mrs. Herbert V. Jones. Carol Montgomery Bennett (Alpha Upsilon) and her 20 member cast presented an imaginative musical depicting college life in 2054 in the Theta house on Mars.

Antique lovers were thrilled by Dr. Edward Hashinger's talk at our February meeting in the home of Virginia Duvall Race (Alpha Mu). His topic was "The History of Glass," and his display included many interesting pieces of antique glassware.

March brought installation of officers for the coming year, and an interesting talk by TV personality Bea Johnson at Ferne Bewyer Dungan's home (Alpha Mu). Dorothy Carothers Holmes is serving her second term as president. Vice president is Peggy Davis Brownlee (Kappa); corresponding secretary is Inez Vollrath Holte (Alpha Tau); recording secretary, Sallee Welker (Kappa); and treasurer, Shirley Schermer (Alpha Mu).

Other officers are: assistant treasurer, Jane Stites Leo (Kappa); archivist, Mary Louise Davey Ellis (Beta Phi); editor, Pat Fuson (Alpha Mu); Panhellenic delegates, Aileen Ainsworth Van Auken (Kappa) and Beverly Rowan Springmeyer (Alpha Mu); magazine representative, Ruth Burton Kerr (Beta Gamma).

Good news came in April when we found from Lillian Wilson, Philanthropy chairman, that Kansas City ranked third among Alumnae chapters, having contributed \$4,455.20 to the Institute since 1946. We are certainly determined to keep up the good work.

The program for the April meeting at Thelma Caffall Street's (Alpha Theta) was modern art, some theories and practices of which were discussed by Dr. J. B. Smith.

Our first annual (we hope) spring dance was held at the University Club on May 14, complete with live orchestra, and door prizes contributed by generous businessmen/husbands. Not only did all the Thetas have a grand time, but husbands and dates did too. Plans are already being made to repeat the success next year.

Our May meeting was held at Mary Eager Reese Mantz's (Alpha Mu), where Susan Snyder Hoffstot (Alpha Upsilon) presented a quiz on Fraternity Education. Chapter members, upon responding correctly to Sue's questions received prizes made by Sue and her committee.

June 5th and the annual picnic, held this year at Geraldine Brown Backstrom's (Kappa), rolled around much too soon, and the year was officially ended for the chapter. Special guests at the picnic were high school and college daughters of chapter members.

Special bouquets to this year, as in all years past, to the officers and committee members for their leadership, and to all chapter members for their active participation and support.

Pat Fuson

## LINCOLN

The Lincoln Alumnae chapter will hold its first meeting of the year, September 5th, a week before Panhellenic Rush Week. Members of the active chapter will meet with alumnae, with Peggy Lemon Maley as Rush Advisor, Betty Jo Byllesby Stiner heads Rush Recommendations. We will discuss plans for rushing and coordinate our rush lists.

There will be 110 members in the alumnae group this year. Jean Osborn Walcott is President, with Mrs. Mary Alice Cawood Cochrane assisting as Vice-President. Secretary is Betty Jackson Rohde and Nancy Noble Etmund is in charge of the Treasurer's books.

Our last two projects, the Floral Tea and the Children's Concert were so outstanding that we are beginning our work now for the success of this year's project, the sale of Christmas Cards. We are confident, through last year's experience, that with hard work the cards will produce good financial reward.

Mrs. Richard Garlinghouse, delegate to national convention, has brought many fine reports to us of lovely Thetas, rushing techniques, money making projects, and Theta Spirit. We wish we all could have been there.

Nancy Miller Darst

## LONG BEACH

Sparked by that regular little dynamo, Nancy Badley Zantiny, as prexy, Long Beach Alumnae chapter has had no chance to sit back complacently to contemplate past achievements. It's always "Let's go, Thetas!" with Nancy. As a result, the past year has seen a heart-warming increase in membership, consistently large

turn-outs at meetings and keen interest in Theta activities. The chapter has had a healthy transfusion of "young blood" . . . recent graduates who are continuing their Theta interests are helping to strengthen the alumnae group. Nancy's hard work and enthusiasm are contagious; there's nothing static about this chapter.

In June '53, our president scurried off to District VII's convention at Squaw Valley and later gave us a fascinating report. We're looking forward to her report on her Quebec trek when business resumes this fall.

Following the Summer '53 recess, the chapter was entertained by Rose Marie Kelch Frew at the home of her mother. The usual Theta good time was enjoyed, and plans for the forthcoming rummage sale were whipped into final shape. Throughout the summer, space in members' garages at strategic points about town had been allocated for storing rummage treasures; and these later were assembled at a downtown location. The day's "take" netted a total of \$213.74 for the treasury. While this amount is less than what we've made in some other years, we tell ourselves that Long Beach seems to have been "rummaged" to death. Nevertheless, we're going to try for a record sale, come late fall.

In December, Thetas gathered for the annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. H. Mayson, mother of our Nellie Mayson Yankie. (How these Theta mothers "come through" for us! This marked the second time that Mrs. Mayson had extended us the hospitality of her charming home.) Co-hostesses were Mary Jane Jones Braddock and Virginia Funwell McFadden. On arrival, members were led to a gaily bedecked Christmas tree already well trimmed with crackling green folding money, the gift of Mrs. Mayson. Each arrival clipped her own contribution to the tree which was later presented to the city's Christmas Fund Clearing House. A sizeable sum was collected in this way. In addition, each member had brought along a gaily wrapped toy to be given to the same organization. Entertainment was provided by our program chairman, Hope Toulon Byrne, who introduced the speaker, Mrs. Bennett, who showed us her fascinating collection of sweaters and cocktail skirts lavished with beading and gay appliques. The fashions were so beautiful, and the speaker made the work sound so easy, that even those of us who fly in terror from the sight of needle-and-thread were half persuaded there's something to be said for this "Do-it-yourself" idea!

Founders' Day was observed at dinner at the home of Phyllis Jones London, with co-hostesses being Pat Shanley Bittel, Marsha Wing and Joan Bowman. A group invitation was received from Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnae to a book review and tea on January 28.

Ora Lee George Ridings was February hostess. Her assistants were Susie Milam Meager, Frances Daniels Zierott and Marge Rownd McNair. Hostess for the March meeting was Ruth McCandless Judson; assisting were Alwina Wilhelmi Sexton, Betty Klinsich Maddock and Ruth Dunham Bigler.

In April, members met at the home of the president, Nancy Zantiny. Co-hostesses were Helen Hitchcock Rutherford, Emyne Goodin Nimocks and Virginia Reed Astle. Fifty-year certificates of Theta membership

were presented to Jean Organ Born and Alwina Wilhelmi Sexton. Gifts of pansy corsages to our present president Nancy Zantiny, and to past presidents, were made. Past presidents participating in the ceremony were Phyllis London, Alwina Sexton, Jean Born and Frances Zierott.

Talk about fun! Plan a White Elephant sale as a program feature . . . and see what you get! This particular shindig was held at the home of Helen Snowball Hamman in May. Co-hostesses were Rose Marie Frew, Hattie Leebrick Pullen, Barbara Hamman Ivey and Barbara Martin McCutchan. Auctioneer was Nellie Yankie, who did a bang-up job of wheedling bids to go higher . . . higher . . . HIGHER. Thanks to Nellie's brand of patter and super-salesmanship, a tidy sum went into Theta's coffers.

The usual get-together in June at Marge McNair's Balboa beach home could not be held there this year, for the good and sufficient reason that the McNairs have disposed of this property. Nonetheless Balboa was the scene of the June meeting. Members hied themselves to the Balboa Bay Club for luncheon and swimming.

Now "as we go to press," Thetas are planning to support the big fashion show benefit on Oct. 18 at the Ambassador, Los Angeles. Alumnae chapters throughout Southern California from Santa Barbara to San Diego are sharing in the project. Funds will go toward the individual chapters' charitable activities.

Frances Mae Ballack

## LONG ISLAND

Festivities for the season started with a Welcoming Tea at Point Lookout, at the home of Doris Hudson Cullen (Adelphi). We welcomed many newcomers, enjoyed the renewing of old friendships in Theta, and the lively exchange of vacation news.

Ruth Foote Lang was hostess to the chapter for the October meeting, and Ruth's husband, Philip, was the speaker of the evening. He is a noted composer, arranger, and conductor. His talents have not only been utilized in concerts and on television, but he has conducted many Broadway shows. In his talk he took us behind the scenes of the popular musical "Can-Can," and traced the steps prior to the opening on Broadway. He wrote the orchestration for the score of "Can-Can."

February weather is most unpredictable on Long Island, so we have been celebrating Founders' Day in November. November weather proved to be even worse this year, but in spite of the blizzard the night before, and the heat and power failure which plagued the whole North Shore, the luncheon at the Swan Club in Glenwood Landing lured the sporting Thetas. We proceeded according to schedule, and Mrs. Pearl Higbie, past Grand President, made her way down from Vermont to be our guest speaker. Mimi Seekamp Brand (Adelphi) was the able chairman of this very successful affair.

Mary McCaffrey Cadigan (Adelphi) entertained the chapter in her home for the regular November meeting, and the group enjoyed readings by Mr. Harry Lubell.

Our annual Christmas buffet supper was held once again at the home of Joan Banghart (Vermont) in Douglaston. Shirley Buckingham Hendrick (Vermont) and her committee really outdid themselves with setting out a most sumptuous repast. We played charades, opened gifts selected from Santa's grab bag, and concluded that it was a perfect prelude to the Christmas season.

The January meeting was postponed a week because of inclement weather but when we did get together at the home of Addie Ginn Mitchell (Ohio State) a wonderful evening of songs and chatter around a roaring fire was a "just right" program!

In February we had a special treat when the Rev. John W. Zanton of the Roslyn Presbyterian Church, reviewed "The Lonely Crowd" by David Reisman. Mary Cross Wulfleff (Cornell) our president, was hostess to the group on this occasion. Elaine Woody Walker (William and Mary) and her husband opened the doors of their home in Huntington for a delightful St. Valentine's day cocktail party. All of our husbands are, of course, included at this annual affair, and Elaine and her committee organized a very gay and successful evening.

At our March meeting in the home of Gloria Neumann (Missouri) we put the finishing touches on our luncheon-fashion show project, and were then entertained by a member of our own group. Betty Covert Higgins (Ohio Wesleyan) spoke on the latest fabrics and trends in Interior Decoration. What started out to be a hobby with Betty has now become a business venture for her, and she was able to demonstrate her talk with the latest wallpaper and fabric samples.

We changed our usual bridge and fashion show into a luncheon and fashion show this year. It was held at the Strathmore-Vanderbilt Country Club on March 20. Thetas and their youngsters were the models, and Arnold Constable's of Manhasset presented the Spring and summer fashions. The luncheon was for the benefit of the Institute of Logopedics and our War Orphan, and our luncheon chairman, Joan Banghart, must have felt duly rewarded when we realized an attendance of 225.

Jeanne Hirt Warhurst (Penn State) was hostess to the group in April when Dr. Ulysses Shutzer, chief of staff, at the Central Islip Hospital spoke on "Everyday Problems of The Everyday Child."

In May, elections for next year's officers were held at Irene Psaki Sweeney's (Adelphi) in Stewart Manor. Shirley Buckingham Hendrick (Vermont) and Marjorie Mattmiller Wilbur (Kentucky) are president and vice-president respectively, for the coming year.

Our final business meeting was held at the home of Martha Hall Feyler (Syracuse) and we were read the financial report. Aside from the receipts of the luncheon, our project fund had been further increased by the untiring efforts of Maggie Averell Dadone (Adelphi) and her committee who sold Christmas cards, wrappings, and stationery prior to the holidays. We voted a substantial sum to the Institute, and of course kept in mind our obligation to our War Orphan next year. Everyone wished Mary Cross Wulfleff a wonderful time at the Quebec convention, and we look forward to an enthusiastic report from her in the fall!

In conclusion, if there are any Theta alumnae who have recently moved to Long Island, or have been living here as silent partners, we live in hopes that you shall come forward and make yourselves known. Mary Cross Wulfleff, our membership chairman, is waiting for you to call Northport 3-1443W or drop her a note at Eaton Neck, Northport, L.I. Remember, now, as always, the more the merrier!

Bebe Frary Barnes

## LOS ANGELES

We have completed a year of diversified alumnae activities including a large scale fund-raising benefit in which everyone shared responsibility.

Our traditional September meeting was held at the home of Cecile Hershman Keeney (Phi), to which everyone was urged to "bring a Theta." District convention reports were given and plans for the coming year revealed.

The benefit and fashion show held at the Crystal Room of the Beverly Hills Hotel in October was a social and monetary success. Mr. Jack Stitsworth's beautiful clothes, displayed by volunteer Thetas and professional models, were enthusiastically received. As the result of our efforts \$504.85 was sent to the Institute of Logopedics, \$250 to the Florence Crittenton Home (our local philanthropy), and \$180 to the Foster Parents Plan.

A very sobering and thoughtful subject was presented at our November meeting when Chaplain Vernon J. Jaeger showed colored slides of Korea and told of the need in that war-torn country. At Christmas time our war orphan, Johanna, whom we help through the Foster Parents Plan, was sent a box of gaily wrapped gifts and some money. The appreciation of this little Dutch girl is touching and her progress in school and other activities make it a privilege for us to continue our help for another year.

Frances Effinger Carson (Alpha Xi) has been a tireless worker at the USO and all members have willingly contributed not only cookies and sandwiches, but their time, to this worthy project. It is a rewarding experience to meet the boys and try to make them feel at home in a faraway place.

Eppie Brittingham Mabee (Omicron) opened her Beverly Hills home in January for a card party and tea and at the February meeting the past presidents were honored at a luncheon and the election and installation of officers was held. A designer of custom jewelry brought samples of his art and showed how some of his beautiful pieces were made.

The Founders' Day Luncheon held March 13th at the Women's University Club was one of the highlights of the year and was shared by members from outlying districts and clubs. In a very appropriate ceremony our president, Carol De Fever Spicer (Beta Delta), presented orchids to eighteen who had been members of Theta for 50 years or more. The Founders' Day ritual was conducted, the active chapters of Omicron and Beta Xi sang Theta songs and \$83.08 was collected by passing the Friendship Box. The history and development of the Loan and Fellowship Fund was shown by colored slides accompanied by a narra-

tion in rhyme written and presented by Beatrice Ward Challis (Omega).

Because of local Panhellenic rules, we cannot give time to rushing but we have a very strong interest in our two local active chapters, Omicron and Beta Xi. Every fall, in each chapter, we present a jewelled pin to the initiate with the highest scholastic average. Meetings are held in alternate years at the two active chapter houses and this year we met with the Junior Alumnae at the Beta Xi house for a supper meeting in April. By donating the food for this meeting, the Junior group raised money for its philanthropy, the Neighborhood Youth Association in Venice.

Virginia Greelis Oliver (Omicron) has been appointed one of the alumnae district presidents and we bask in reflected glory at having had this honor conferred upon one of our members.

The "Best Beau" party at Rancho Esperanza in the San Fernando Valley concluded our year of fun and social service and it was with a feeling of satisfaction and pride that we went into the vacation season with the realization that much had been accomplished during the past year.

Marjorie Finch McClanahan

## MADISON

The Madison Alumnae chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta resumed meetings with dinner at the home of Martha Hill Hart (Psi) in September. The need for a local Theta philanthropy was impressed upon the members. So, we began our search for a worthwhile cause with a talk by Mrs. Peter Mikulak, teacher of Madison's trainable class of mentally retarded children. The system of passing Theta baskets was explained, and it met with general enthusiasm. Jeanne Lee Devereaux Kiley (Psi) led a discussion of the forthcoming Psi rushing season.

At our October meeting we feted the new Psi pledges with a high tea held at the chapter house. Under the able leadership of Margaret House Irwin (Beta Gamma) we sincerely welcomed them to the university and the fraternity.

One of the most enjoyable meetings of the year was held in November at the home of Janet Marshall Huiskamp (Psi). Following dessert, Mrs. Tusten Ackerman, our District President, spoke to the group. She discussed Theta's contribution to our national philanthropy and the cooperation between alumnae and active chapters, toward which we constantly strive. The evening concluded with our annual talent sale, the profits of which go to Logopedics.

A Sunday evening in December found the Theta alumnae at the chapter house for a Christmas buffet. Husbands and beaus are annual guests at this event. Entertainment included a skit by the Psi pledges. The Theta house, gay with holiday trimmings was a perfect setting for our biggest party of the year.

Our January meeting was very informative as well as enjoyable. Violet Bagley Miller (Psi) opened her home to us for dessert, after which Mr. John Whitmore, head of the Madison Civilian Defense Ground Observer Corps spoke to us. He discussed the functions of that group and other corresponding Civilian

Defense organizations.

Our February meeting was originally scheduled to be our Founders' Day dinner at the chapter house. However, due to the university final exams falling on this date, the active chapter requested that we postpone the dinner. The alumnae then decided to hold a luncheon meeting on the earlier date, and to eliminate a March meeting. With the weather unbelievably mild for February in Wisconsin, the luncheon turnout was far larger than had been anticipated. Everyone agreed that a similar meeting must be scheduled for the coming year. The Founders' Day Dinner was held at the chapter house later in the month. Following the very impressive ceremony and lovely dinner, entertainment was provided in the form of a style show by the pledges.

In April we gathered at the home of Mary Thompson Solie (Alpha Psi) for dessert. The nominating committee reported its slate of officers for the coming year. With their capable leadership, we look forward to that season with great expectations.

The new officers are: president, Jean Peterson Huegel (Psi); vice-president, Betty Rebhan Dieter (Psi); recording secretary, Carol Ebert Rumpf (Alpha Psi); treasurer, Muriel Clapp Curry (Alpha Psi); and corresponding secretary, Kathy Connor Spencer (Psi).

Jean Hoebel Kaeser (Delta) was chosen alternate delegate to convention, and she, as well as our new president, carried with them the interest of all the alumnae. At this time the group also discussed, generally, the problem of Psi chapter's relatively low scholastic standing.

Our final meeting of the year was held in May at the home of Marie Adele McKenzie Fish (Psi). A dinner meeting is held annually to fete the graduating seniors of the active chapter. The new "would be" members of alumnae groups were welcomed, and each girl introduced herself and spoke of her future plans. Awards were made to our 1953 Phi Beta Kappa, Margaret Mortenson; Omicron Nu, Sue Larson; Senior girl, Rae Ellen Moore; and outstanding freshman, Connie Scharf. Congratulations also went to Rae Ellen and Margaret for initiation into Phi Kappa Phi. We closed our season with a rousing vote of thanks to our outgoing president Jean Pendexter Mac Donald (Tau). All in all, the year was considered a constructive one, but we look forward always to bigger and better alumnae activities.

Constance K. Warthmau

## MIAMI

It's Christmas all year long for the Miami Alumnae chapter, for it's an all-year project to prepare for the annual Theta bazaar held in December. In addition to the regular monthly meetings, numerous luncheon workshops throughout the year give Miami Thetas a chance to chat while they work on the Christmas decorations, handmade articles, doll clothes and other items so much in demand that the net proceeds from the 1953 bazaar, directed by Rickey Sherman Jones (Beta Nu) and Anne Chichester Eason (Beta Nu), totalled \$2,743.05.

Sharing the benefits of this project were many

worthy causes. The Beta Nu chapter house at Tallahassee received \$2000; the Institute of Logopedics, \$100. \$100 went to Gamma Gamma chapter at Rollins toward the purchase of a silver service. \$100 donations were earmarked for the school welfare work of Lois Evans (Beta Lambda) and for the St. Albans Day Nursery. The Mental Health Society, enthusiastically supported by the Thetas, received \$125 for the purchase of a film called "Roots of Happiness" for use by the group's lecturers. Thetas also purchased a \$25 membership in the Miami Junior Museum.

The group also collected books for the Dade County Home for the Aged and provided food, clothing and gifts for a needy family at Christmastime.

Fifty-year certificates were presented to seven Miami Thetas this year: Belle Bartholomew Pratt (Mu), Maude Bartholomew Moore (Mu), Carol Julia Cummings Croff (Chi), Lucy Adella Merrill Conklin (Pi), Linda Jose Stokesberry (Beta), Mary Elizabeth Sears Brooks (Alpha Delta), Alice Dinger Leslie (Alpha Delta). They were honor guests at the presentation of a skit on the fraternity founders. Participating in the program were: Pearl Lowry Rankin (Beta), Dorothy Barr Craig (Beta Nu), Clairnelle O'Steen Weber (Beta Nu), Dolores Papy Eldredge (Beta Nu), Kitty Lou Hoffman Mixson (Beta), Alice Jean Youmans (Beta Rho) and Nancy Jackson Thompson (Beta Nu).

The annual Christmas formal for Thetas and their friends was held December 28 at the Coral Gables Country Club with Esther Lowe Parsons (Beta Lambda) in charge of arrangements. The traditional Founders' Day luncheon was held at the Columbus Hotel. Theta husbands joined in the fun at the annual summer party—this year an informal buffet square dance at Sunset Acres. Betsy Zurwelle Saye (Beta Nu) served as chairman of the event.

Miami Thetas are proud that their Elizabeth Whalton Little (Beta Nu) has been made president of District XI. We know she will do a grand job!

In March Florence Swanson Laurence (Upsilon) turned over the gavel to the 1954-55 president, Lois Littig Coryell (Beta Omicron).

**Marian McEwen**

## MILWAUKEE

The Milwaukee alumnae began a very successful year with an informal get-acquainted meeting in September at the home of Etta Reller Gezelschap (Alpha Tau). The evening was strictly social, with dessert, the summer's news, and familiarizing twenty five "new faces."

In November we met at the home of Peg Yundt Bugbee (Tau). Bob Heiss, one of Milwaukee's favorite announcers, filled in nicely as a last-minute speaker when Russ Winnie (husband of our well known Evelyn Winnie) was called out of town. We enjoyed Bob's interesting talk on "What's new in radio and television."

We have found that our Founders' Day celebration is much more successful if held in March, since we've had too many blizzards ruin attendance in the past. A nice crowd turned out on a sunny day for luncheon

at the Wisconsin Club, and it was so nice to have our District President, Mrs. Ackerman, as our guest of honor and main speaker. We were proud that day to present the fifty-year membership certificates to three of our esteemed older Thetas.

At our May meeting our own Mary Brauer Carter's talk on "My Five Years in Argentina" left us very enlightened about that country . . . and extremely thankful to be in America. Only one aspect of her life in Buenos Aires as the wife of a banker made us envious—full time maids to do the housework, marketing and baby-sitting for ridiculously low pay.

At other meetings we heard talks on interior decorating, alcoholism, gems, and enjoyed being guests of the Gamma Phi's in April. Our money-raising projects again this year were the sale of Theta polish and many boxes of Christmas cards. Our thanks go to "Dootie" Driessen and "Bucky" Staatz respectively for their hard work and magnificent success in these projects. We were happy to be able to send substantial contributions to the Institute of Logopedics, United Child Care, the Beloit chapter, and the Volunteer Day Nursery of America which is our local project.

We are pleased to be averaging about 60 members present at each meeting—and an active, enthusiastic group it is! Under our new young president, Jeanne Wheeler Schmid, we have begun what we know will be another fine year.

**Elaine Johnson Luedeman**

## MINNEAPOLIS

Theta alumnae activities in the Twin Cities started off with a flourish last fall at the third annual Kappa Alpha Theta Bazaar, held in October at the chapter house on the University of Minnesota campus. In addition to the usual booths and raffles, this year's bazaar included a dessert luncheon and style show featuring Theta models. Jointly sponsored by the Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Twin City Junior alumnae, the event again played to a full house and netted \$470 for the chapter house building fund.

Minneapolis program chairman Adalia Fraser had planned another entertaining series of winter meeting, including a much requested talk on "Antiques on a Budget" in November and a January "travel tour" of Hawaii given by a representative of Northwest Airlines.

On February 29 Twin City Thetas joined in celebrating Founders' Day at the chapter house. Toastmistress for the occasion was Katherine Perkins, Upsilon advisory board chairman and one of the lucky Thetas to join the Kappa Alpha Theta European tour following the Quebec convention. Louise Crawford, retiring grand first vice president, gave an inspiring talk on Theta ideals of service and leadership. A high point of the dinner was the presentation of Golden Anniversary certificates to the following 50 year members of Upsilon, all residents of the Twin Cities: Harriet Jackson Burch and her sister, Alice Jackson Wheaton, Edna Broom, Mattie Robinson McCoy, Nella Williams Thompson, Jane Bennett Marston, Franta Soula Carney, Mildred Brown, Carolyn Durkee Harmon, Lillian Dodson Kluckhohn, and Helen Pfaff.

Mrs. Lillian Markham was honored with a ten-year housemother's award.

New officers elected at the March meeting of Minneapolis alumnae included: president, Joan Booton Dygert, Alpha Phi; first vice president, Imogene Colburn Hickey, Upsilon; second vice president, Mary Helmick Robinson, Upsilon; secretary, Nancy Nightingale Taylor, Upsilon; treasurer, Jeanne Dresden Rainey, Rho; archivist, Mary Earl McKinsey, Beta Zeta; hospitality, Janet Laing Williams, Upsilon; ways and means, Ruth Losh Huston, Beta Kappa.

After an April meeting which found us discussing interior decorating problems with an expert from a local "studio," we ended our year in May with a highly successful card party for Thetas and guests. The combination style show, dessert, and bridge evening enabled us to set aside more than \$200 for the support of the local Braille Foundation and an Institute of Logopedics.

**Anne Noble Gher**

## NASHVILLE

The Nashville Alumnae chapter completed a most gratifying year's activities under the capable leadership of Nancy McKisson Johnson, president. Other officers included: Celeste Casey Reed, vice-president; Frances Bevington Bearden, corresponding secretary; Helen Stroud Crain, recording secretary; Patricia Kirkman, treasurer; and Martha Hardcastle Warfield, editor.

By gathering at Louise Hardison McCoy's home for a swimming party, the alumnae laid fine plans for helping the active chapter with rushing. One of the various projects undertaken was the re-decorating of the first-floor of the chapter house with especial attention to the living room.

Fall meetings were held in the homes of Grace Daniel Gardner and Mary Hughes Rose. Nancy Denny Lackey, program chairman, made the Christmas meeting at the house with Elinor Ewing as hostess a special treat with ideas on decorations of the season.

Climaxing fifty years of Theta at Vanderbilt, Alpha Eta proudly celebrated Founders' Day and its own Golden Anniversary with a banquet at the Belle-Meade Country Club. Honor guests were Miss Stella Scott Vaughn, founder of the local chapter, and other members at the time the charter was granted: Mar-

jorie Ezell Flautt, Maybelle Saunders, and Rosa Ambrose Doud.

Ruth Burr Puryear served as toastmistress, and highlights of the evening included a résumé of the year's work by Nancy Johnson, a program of songs by the college chapter, the presentation of fifty-year certificates to the charter members, and most impressive the giving to our beloved Miss Stella of greetings of affection from all her "daughters."

One of the most important events of the winter social season was the Bal d'Hiver in February under the general chairmanship of Jane Anderson Dudley. Aside from being a success as a beautiful dance with a well-staged court scene, the ball furnished substantial proceeds for the Family and Children's Service of Nashville and the Institute of Logopedics at Wichita, Kansas.

Hostesses for spring meetings were Elizabeth Glasgow Phillips and Ellen Bowers Hofstead, Theta Grand President. The last occasion was a party for the seniors of the Vanderbilt chapter, all of whom were presented gold-wrapped pots of ivy as mementos and were welcomed into the alumnae group by Helen Crain, new president of the latter organization.

**Mary Helen Simpson Bitzer**

## NEW ORLEANS

The New Orleans Alumnae chapter has had a very strenuous and eventful year, beginning with the purchase of a chapter house, and climaxed by a gala style show aboard the Luxury Liner S. S. Del Norde. Under the able leadership of Mrs. Milton Boulet and Mrs. John Culver, members of the group modeled gowns dating from 1890 to 1936. This "Out of Style Show," was one of our money raising projects of the year and proved to be most successful.

The year was started with a pep meeting at which rush plans were discussed with the active chapter. After a very successful rush week, we entertained the pledges at our annual party following pledging.

Regular business and social meetings were held throughout the year and at the March meeting, two new officers were installed: Mrs. Basil Moss, vice-president, and Miss Mary Grant, treasurer. The other officers are: Mrs. John Manson, president, and Mrs. John Culver, secretary.

## Clearing the Issue

The active chapters have a desire, spoken by Jean Klodt of Beta Gamma, that the alumnae be more explicit in their information on rushees. Sometimes a school club has a name that is not self-explanatory—and they would like it explained on the recommendation. Also, schools vary in their scholarship systems and in giving a grade average, the system could be clarified. Naturally, the actives also want assurance that the person who is recommending the girl knows her, and whereof they speak.

On the other hand, Jenny Gates Scott of New York feels that the alumnae would like very much to see the legacy relationship of new pledges (if such relationship exists) when those lists are sent in by the actives to the magazine in their chapter letters.

Enthusiasm was high for the November rummage sale and, as usual, we accomplished the double purpose of getting rid of out-grown clothing and odds and ends, and realizing a sizeable profit for our philanthropic and chapter house projects.

True to our New Orleans tradition of celebrating Founders' Day, we held our annual formal banquet at the Metairie Country Club in January. It was a solemn and inspiring occasion which was enjoyed by actives, alumnae, and pledges alike. Our very capable and talented Mrs. Hu Stephens served as toastmistress.

Speaking of capable alumnae, we should not forget the house committee which was formed this year to handle all matters concerning the new chapter house. This committee consists of: Mrs. Hu Stephens, Mrs. John Manson, Mrs. John Culver, Mrs. Wallace Walker, Mrs. D. W. Coleman, Miss Dimpsey Smith, Mrs. Jack Schupp, Mrs. W. H. Fly, and Mrs. Peter Everett III.

On the whole we feel that we have had a successful year, but we realize that each new year brings challenges which can only be met by renewed enthusiasm and cooperation on the part of all of our New Orleans alumnae.

Carol Fraser Bartlett

## NEW YORK

The New York Alumnae chapter had a very successful and interesting year. The first meeting in October was at the lovely apartment of Mrs. F. E. Griner in Peter Cooper Village where our own member Patricia Toole, (Gamma Delta) stylist for Berkshire Hosiery Mills, told us about nylons—how they are made, and how colors are determined. The November meeting was held in the Wellesley Club Rooms at the Barclay Hotel and we heard Eileen Trimble tell of her recent trip to Norway, Sweden and Denmark. She is an amateur photographer whose pictures will rival those of any professional, and her colored slides of her trips are always a high point in our meetings.

Our December meeting was held at the beautiful home of our ex-president Mrs. Morton Stone—an egg-nog party and the traditional "Nearly New" sale at which we made \$100 for the Institute of Logopedics.

We celebrated Founders' Day in January with a tea at the Pierre Hotel, and found ten 50 year award winners in our vicinity. Four of these were our guests that day. Our guests included Mrs. Anna Jones Baldwin, Iota 1882; Mrs. Sadie Boulton Eidritz, Iota 1883; Mrs. Maude Beard Folks, Pi 1889; and Mrs. Florence Durstine Hamilton, Alpha Gamma 1897. Those who couldn't join us at the tea were Mrs. Mary Ritter Beard, Alpha; Mrs. Zella Fay Campbell, Eta 1903; Miss Miriam F. Slocum, Alpha Epsilon 1901; Miss Mary Tracy, Lambda 1899; Mrs. Birdena Wallace Orr, Epsilon 1898; and Mrs. Justina Leavitt Wilson, Upsilon 1894.

At the March meeting, held in the Panhellenic Rooms at the Beekman Tower Hotel, Mrs. Harrison Wilson gave us an interesting report on progress at the Institute of Logopedics, with colored slides to illustrate her talk. Then we had an evening of bridge and canasta. In April we held our annual style show

at the Women's University Club rooms at the Biltmore Hotel. Using our own members as models, we showed clothes by Katherine Henkl, hats by Baroness Monica, hair styles by Berthold. Door prizes were awarded and we made another \$25 for the Institute of Logopedics.

The last meeting was a "Penthouse Picnic" in the Wellesley Club rooms on May 25. We had a picnic supper and an evening of informal games and stunts. For all Thetas who are new in New York, our meetings are usually the second Tuesday of the month, but contact president Mrs. Woodson D. Scott, 1 Stuyvesant Oval, New York 9—Oregon 3-1011 for exact time and place. Also, we often know about apartments to share with other Thetas in the city and perhaps we can help you. You will also be welcome at the New York Panhellenic meetings held the first Monday of each month at their rooms at the Beekman Tower Hotel at 6:30 P.M.

Dorothy Brown Tomlinson  
per Jenny June Scott

## OKLAHOMA CITY

The big news from Oklahoma City is the spectacular success of our money making project. Under the sure-fire leadership of Martha Jo Russell Sturm and Liz Lowery Brown, and with the cooperation of the entire chapter, we were able to gross \$1800. Our idea was rather like Topsy—a suggestion that grew and grew. There are few humans who can resist the prize of an expense-paid vacation in an exotic place for two weeks. That is the principle upon which we based our project. "Two weeks in Mexico for Two" (expenses paid) with trips to Mexico City, Taxco and Acapulco included. Result—\$1800. This was divided between our Institute of Logopedics and the Jane Brooks Foundation. Claude Monnet, one of our grand Theta husbands, conducted the contest in downtown offices and found himself shorthanded when his two secretaries won the trip. The girls had a marvelous vacation, needless to say.

Our calendar year included our registration tea in September, a get-together for new pledges of Beta Zeta and Alpha Omicron and alumnae at our Christmas party, and a lovely Founders' Day banquet this spring. Betty Apple Jackson did a terrific job of handling reservations, food and programs for over 300 Thetas.

Our Oklahoma City Thetas have quite a reputation for leadership in this community. It seems no civic or cultural project can be undertaken without a Theta at the helm. Lou Laitmer Dudley serves as president of the Women's Committee of our symphony, Hayden Hunt Lowery is Chairman of the Junior League Speech and Hearing project, Jane Van Cleef Corbyn was co-chairman of the League Horse Show, and we are quite sure there has never been a better "Claudia" than Pat Antrim Hill when she took the lead in that production with our civic theater group. Joan Castle Finefrock took honors as Tracy Lord in "The Philadelphia Story." You'll always find us active in United Fund drives, Red Cross and myriad other activities.

We can say in closing that this year has brought

more Thetas together in Oklahoma City than ever before. The feeling of sisterhood has never been stronger and the thrill of working together on our projects and rush makes our college promises clearer in our minds. We feel that the primary reason for our wonderful year is our beautiful and capable president, Rosemary Fox Hess. Rosemary has been instrumental in interesting young Thetas in alumnae work and has made a smooth and efficient organization.

Jeanne Porta Mager

## OMAHA

The Omaha Alumnae chapter has had a good year of fun and fellowship.

We made an effort to have more programs at our meetings this year. These programs were on varied subjects and ranged from a talk by a local florist on Christmal floral decorations to a presentation by the Director of Omaha's Joslyn Art Museum on the program that is being carried out by this institution.

In October we had a picnic for our husbands. At this time we awarded certificates of membership to deserving "better halves" in the Gabba Alpha Theta Auxiliary. We felt the picnic was well worth the effort and are planning another picnic for this fall, hoping to establish it as a yearly event.

During the Christmas holidays we had a brunch for the active members of Theta Chapters living in the Omaha and Council Bluffs area. At this party we also had as our guests the daughters and sisters of Thetas who were juniors and seniors in high school or in junior college.

To raise money for the Rho Chapter house we had a rummage sale. We also made our annual contribution to the Institute of Logopedics.

Following a custom of recent years our officers were elected to a second term. They are Elizabeth Mac Lennan Chase, Beta Kappa, president; Virginia Townsend Rottman, Alpha Iota, vice president; Sally Link Farnham, Beta Iota, secretary; Janice Labrie Fargo, Alpha Rho, Treasurer; Marilyn Bergh, Rho, Editor.

We again sponsored the Omaha Symphony Orchestra by selling tickets to the summer Pops Concerts. We contributed locally to the Community Chest, Red Cross, University of Nebraska Children's Ward and March of Dimes. Thru the Panhellenic organization we did our share in sponsoring a scholarship for a woman student at the University of Omaha.

Marilyn Bergh

## PASADENA

It is definitely agreed by both our junior and senior Theta Alumnae groups in Pasadena that this past season has been one of our most successful. Under the leadership of our president, Rose Nelson Harrington (Alpha Mu) and Mary Heineman Pauley (Beta Xi) our program chairman, we have had many an interesting meeting and our Theta kite has sailed ever upward.

At one of our early meetings last fall held at the home of Irene Combe Miller (Omicron), we had

as guest speaker our own Marion Dix (Alpha Lambda) whose subject was "Modern India." Marion has traveled throughout the world and has spent many months in India under the auspices of the U.N. Among other outstanding gatherings were a dessert meeting at Ann Fonton Forbes' (Beta Xi) with a lecture on "Hand Wrought Silver" and also a brunch at Hester Crane Auer's (Beta Mu) where we learned about "International Students" from the eminent Dr. Yeaton. Our annual "Men's Night," always a gala affair, was a cocktail party and supper at the home of Gwen Laurie MacDonald Smits.

The Founders' Day tea was a joint meeting with the junior Thetas, where we viewed the colored slides depicting the fifty years' progress and events of the Loan and Fellowship fund. These slides which were the result of many hours' work by Rose Nelson Harrington (Alpha Mu) and Virginia Ong West (Beta Xi), our two alumnae group presidents, were later shown at the Convention at Quebec. The Founders' Day tea also honored seven members who have enjoyed fifty years or more of Kappa Alpha Theta. They are Laura Hunt Bell (Tau), Helen Kellogg (Psi), Estelle Bethel Nichols (Phi), Mary Beatrice Fox (Omega), Helen Parker Finch (Omega), Marie Markham Page (Phi) and Katherine Nash Thomas (Phi).

Our deep and heartfelt thanks go out to Alice Kurtz Patty (Alpha Mu) who did such a tremendous job as chairman of our annual benefit which was a beautiful luncheon at the Hotel Huntington. The ballroom, in which it was held, was sold out and we netted \$1800. In addition to luncheon, accompanied by an orchestra, we viewed the latest fashions by I. Magnin on a stage setting of a garden with hyacinths, camelias, and spring flowers, all set with white Victorian furniture and even a patio table with a red and white striped umbrella.

This year in addition to our national philanthropy, the Institute of Logopedics, we have taken on a local charity, The Boys and Girls Aid Society in Altadena. There, under the guidance of Katherine Boothby Johnson Reed (Alpha Chi), we have taken over a bungalow, redecorating the dormitory and sitting rooms. The Junior Theta Group has supported this organization for several years and this year they redecorated ten rooms, making curtains and bed spreads and even redoing the floors. The girls do the work themselves under the leadership of Caryl Julius Gillies (Omega).

The junior benefit is their annual talent show held in November, this year at the Pasadena Athletic Club with Barbara Shrimpton Woodward (Beta Xi) as Chairman. The girls make all the articles offered at auction and there was a beautiful array, among which were hand knit argyle socks, stoles, baby clothes, Christmas stockings and even table decorations for the approaching holidays. Our annual project is a doll contest—this year a bride, with complete trousseau.

The season will be brought to a close by a final party held late in August by the juniors to introduce the many prospective rushees to the girls in the active chapters here in Southern California.

Jean Rutherford Talman



Evelyn Wasson Horn of the Cleveland Alumnae announces the five 1954 Graduate Scholarship winners.

## PHILADELPHIA

The Philadelphia Alumnae chapter has just concluded a successful year under the able leadership of our president, Isabel McCoughan Hundley (Beta Eta). Our program chairman, Ruth Blodgett Doolin (Lambda), did an excellent job in making our meetings both varied and entertaining.

We began our activities of the year with a chow mein supper at the charming home of Audine Drew Prewitt (Alpha Omicron) in Wyncote. The Town and Country Thetas were the very gracious hostesses. Ann Shively Kalbach (Iota) who attended the district convention at Pennsylvania State College as our delegate gave a very informative and inspiring report on the convention activities, and of course the highlight of the evening was the installation of the officers. Jean Kriebel Buck (Beta Phi) turned over the gavel to our new president, Isabel Hundley. Other officers installed were Ann Kalbach as vice president, Jean W. Grey (Beta Eta) as treasurer, and Ruth Lenker Hunter (Beta Eta) as corresponding secretary.

In November we all went out the "Main Line" to Eileen McQuillin Bertalott's (Iota) new home to learn how to "Put More Snap in Your Snapshots," an illustrated talk by Mr. Bob Palmer. Instead of a December meeting, we devoted our time to selling pecans fresh from Georgia, a project that gave a good boost to our treasury.

One of our outstanding meetings was held in January at the Beta Eta chapter house at the University of Pennsylvania. In spite of the inclement weather, we had a large crowd of Thetas from far and near to hear guests from other fraternities speak on "What are the national and local philanthropies of the college fraternities?" The Junior Theta group served as hostesses.

In February we held our annual Founders' Day luncheon with Emily Field Johnson (Alpha Iota) as chairman, and Marjorie Beacom Broderick (Upsilon) as toastmistress. Marjorie Montrose, chairman of press relations and recipient of the 1952-53 Fellowship Award, spoke on Birthdays. The highlight of the

luncheon was the awarding of certificates and special recognition to 46 women who have been in Kappa Alpha Theta for 50 or more years. There were five of these Thetas present at the luncheon: Jenny Gilbert Kerlin (Iota), Annie Hilborn Philips, Caroline Harris, Caroline Sargent Sillaway, and Hannah Clothier Hull of Alpha Beta. Our president read some charming letters from some of the others who expressed their regret at being unable to attend. Many told what Theta has meant to them through the years, and of their continued love for their fraternity.

Virginia Kinsman Henderson (Beta Eta), former personnel officer and assistant to the Dean of the College for Women at the University of Pennsylvania, discussed some of the new developments in the field of education for marriage and family living at our March meeting.

April saw the alumnae and Beta Eta chapters united in our yearly bridge party for the benefit of the Institute of Logopedics, and the Beta Eta chapter house. The fashion coordinator of Strawbridge and Clothier gave us a preview of the spring fashion picture. Many door prizes were donated so that everyone came away happy after a lovely afternoon.

As a farewell to the year's activities, Mildred Wolfe Jones (Beta Eta) entertained the Beta Eta seniors and alumnae in May with a box supper at her beautiful home in Wathmore. The Suburban Thetas assisted her. We all wished our president Isabel Hundley much luck on her trip to Quebec for convention, wishing we might all go with her.

Plans have already been formulated to make our next season both entertaining and profitable . . . and we extend a warm welcome to all alumnae in our area to join our group.

P.S. Caroline Hahman Bayfield has a new address: Mrs. Ralph Bayfield, 323 Bent Rd., Wyncote, Pa.

Anne Byers Burgdorfer

## PITTSBURGH

The Pittsburgh Alumnae chapter got off to a very enthusiastic start with a smorgasbord luncheon. This was put on by the executive board at the Pitt chapter house. Reports on district convention at White Sulphur Springs, Pennsylvania, in June, were given. Plans were laid and the ball started rolling for many events—enthusiasm continued all year.

Our annual Playhouse benefit was held as usual in October. Thetas and guests took over the Pittsburgh Playhouse and its dining room on the night of October 23. The food was excellent, and the play, "John Loves Mary," superb. We don't make a great deal of money, but we do have a good time.

The November meeting was a joint one with the alumnae group and Alpha Omega (Pitt) corporation group. A brief meeting of the alumnae group was held before the Alpha Omega group gave their annual reports. Mrs. MacCrum, the new Pitt house mother, was officially introduced at this meeting. She has done an excellent job this year and we have all grown to love her, actives and alums alike.

Our December meeting, the fireside supper, is always looked forward to with anticipation by all. The

house is gaily decorated by the actives and thoroughly enjoyed by the alums. A delicious dinner and carols around the Christmas tree put all of us in the Yule-tide spirit.

By this time our year was almost half over and we had had so many wonderful meetings, but there were still many good ones to come—Founders' Day, our annual benefit bridge, and the closing picnic—just to mention a few.

Founders' Day, which was held at the William Penn Hotel, was more inspiring than usual. Luncheon followed a toast to our Founders and Theta Grace. After luncheon we had the roll call of chapters and greetings from our Alumnae President and District President. Then we were honored by a very inspiring message on "The State of Theta" by our Grand President, Mrs. James W. Hofstead, who was here for an official visit to this area.

In February, after our business meeting, Edith MacLeod showed us colored slides and souvenirs of her nine-week tour of Europe during the summer of '53. She made everything look so wonderful that we all wanted to book passage on the next boat.

In March we had our big project—the annual benefit dessert-bridge and fashion show. The proceeds from this affair, \$500, went to the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind to help in their nursery expansion program. In April, at our regular monthly meeting, we alums put on a party for the two active chapters, Pitt and Tech, and they in turn entertained us with skits.

In May our closing meeting and picnic was held at the home of Mrs. T. A. Siedle. This year's business was brought to a close and plans were laid for the coming year.

**Mercedes H. Golden**

## PORTRLAND

The Portland Alumnae chapter began its fall activities under the leadership of its president, Barbara Fulton Richards, with a bridge benefit. The purpose of the luncheon was the raising of funds for our contribution to the National Institute of Logopedics, and a \$137 profit was realized. During the year, an additional \$50 was sent to the Institute.

A Christmas gift bazaar held in November proved to be a highly successful first venture. All members were asked to contribute two items, preferably hand-made. Alumnae and friends were invited to the sale held in a Parish Hall, and within an hour or so the chapter had increased its treasury by \$205. The only complaint heard was to the effect that there were not enough items to be sold, and all agreed that the function should become an annual event, with contributions coming from members all during the year to insure a larger display of gift merchandise.

As usual, the chapter made minor contributions to several local projects—among them being two donations of \$5 each, to the Janet Davis Scholarship Fund, and cigarettes, combs, lipsticks, etc. to the Mental Health Association of Oregon. Also, \$25 was sent for a Christmas gift for our war orphan.

The Founders' Day luncheon was exceedingly well

attended, considering the ice and snow furnished by our weatherman. A most interesting program was presented by Mr. Maurice Binford, Regional Director of the American Field Service. This organization, together with the State Department, each year brings teen-age foreign students to the United States for the purpose of spending a year in our public and private schools and living with American families. Mr. Binford presented three of these students, who were among 15 students in Portland for the 1953 school year. The girls (French, German and Greek) made informal but informative remarks on their reactions to the United States and the American way of life. It was obvious to all that the scholarship program was doing much to refute false propaganda being spread throughout Europe against the United States. As a result of the Founders' Day luncheon (and in view of Grand Council's hopes that all chapters might find projects of an international nature) the Portland Alumnae chapter, later in the spring, voted to contribute \$300 for the privilege of bringing a German girl to Portland for the 1954 school year. She will arrive during the summer, and we are looking forward with pleasant anticipation to working with her and helping her get the most from her experience. In an effort to raise funds for this project a "cotton dance" was held at Portland Country Club in June. The \$168 earned from this event will help a lot.

Election and installation of officers in February found us with a new and capable president, Maxine White Anderson. Maxine attended the Grand Convention in June, and we feel sure that, with the many new ideas she will have brought back to us, plus the new and interesting projects already on the 1954-55 agenda, the Portland Alumnae really have a banner year ahead.

**Marjorie Dibble Platt (Mrs. A. L.)**

## RENO

We Reno Alums have had a busy year. It started with District Convention held at Squaw Valley, California, some 30 miles from Reno. Districts 7 and 9 came and we enjoyed playing hostess, particularly at the Banquet and the trip to Reno, where we were able to show off the chapter house and many who could not be at the convention helped entertain at a tea at one of the member's home.

In October we had as our guests the 33 new pledges whom we entertained with an accordian band and games to get acquainted with our future Thetas. We all had a lot of fun and felt that our September meeting, which had been devoted to recommendations and rushing matters, had borne fruit.

The November meeting was high-lighted by a talk by one of our local boys who displayed many interesting souvenirs from his sojourn in Japan, Korea and Okinawa. In November too, we always enjoy getting together with out-of-town alums at the pre-game homecoming luncheon which is given for us by the college chapter.

The annual Christmas party for orphans which takes the place of our regular December meeting was a satisfaction. We have representatives with those from the

Mothers Club and the college chapter who entertain children at the house. This year four children were outfitted with clothes and Santa Claus gave them toys at the party. We were happy to fulfill a wish of the girls in the house, too, by presenting them with a record player as a gift from the alumnae. The sophomore class was entertained at our January meeting and we all enjoyed a talk by one of our members who is a member of the Reno Little Theater.

February was an especially busy month, as we had a lovely Founders' Day banquet in a private room at one of our nicest hotels with both the alumnae and college chapters participating. It was also guest night at our regular meeting and we had a wonderful turnout to see a fashion show with some of our prettiest college girls modeling along with our junior and senior members.

Election and installation of our new officers was the important business of the evening in March.

We were delighted to have our District President's visit coincide with our regular meeting in April. Alice Gonser gave us a very interesting and informative talk and led a discussion. The actives kept her time pretty well filled during her visit, but we were able to have her for the meeting, a small luncheon, and a joint college and alumnae tea. We had been very disappointed that so few of us had met Mary Brandriff, Grand Alumnae Secretary, when she visited us earlier in the year.

Grand Convention in Quebec and discussion of amendments, recommendations etc. was the main topic at our May business meeting. We also made plans for a fall card party. The junior and senior classes were our guests during the social hour, followed by the impressive Ivy Ritual, during which the graduating seniors were initiated into our alumnae chapter.

Closing the year was our traditional senior breakfast honoring the graduates on the last Sunday in May. It was a great success, with speakers from each class, several alums and one of our original sponsors; presentation of gifts by the actives; and this year we had the special pleasure of honoring our chapter house mother, Mrs. Dean Duke, with the presentation of a pin from National in grateful appreciation for her 15 years of loving service to Thetas.

I guess that about brings us up to date. We're looking forward to an even busier and more productive year to come. Until next year.

Juanita Elcano

## SACRAMENTO

Sacramento Valley Thetas met for their first fall luncheon meeting of 1953 in the home of our President, Anne Fisher Stroppini (Beta Iota). The meeting proved to be typical of past September reunions, with old friends from all sides of Sacramento eagerly getting together again after restful vacations and plenty of hot valley weather.

Our president's enthusiastic review of our recent district convention in Squaw Valley, sparked by convention photos and colorful favors, had all of us looking forward to the next Theta conclave. A group

from our chapter had also driven up over the weekend for the scheduled activities, which included our hostessed outdoor barbecue Sunday evening, and they, too, told of their personal enjoyment in meeting and talking with other delegates. They all felt that these small and rather informal conventions were a great asset in keeping Theta chapters closer together and more helpful to one another.

October found us gathering in the home of Jean Higgins Bonney (Omega) for an evening meeting, where we were told of plans for the formation of national fraternities on our nearby new Sacramento State College campus.

The forthcoming rummage sale was cause for another enthusiastic collection of old jewelry, during the luncheon meeting in the home of Gladys Fawcett Stalker (Kappa). In this manner, Mary Nees Bremner (Alpha Theta) could collect, clean, and mount the pieces brought to each monthly meeting well in advance of the sale. We were also happy to be able to fulfill our pledge to the Sutter Hospital with a check of \$150 for their badly needed expansion program this year.

The holiday season found us gathering again in the home of Paula Leake Porter (Omega). This Christmas party has become an annual tradition and one of two of our most enjoyable social gatherings which include the member's husbands and escorts.

Our December business meeting in the home of Anita Hincelot Meffley (Beta Mu) presented us with a slate of new officers which was voted in by the group. These new officers were Isabelle Paterson Workman (Beta Omega) president; Louise Aunger Scurfield (Gamma Xi) vice president; Barbara Lee Collar (Beta Mu) recording secretary; Louise Heyfron Stark (Alpha Nu) corresponding secretary; Jo Ann Blood Smith (Beta Mu) treasurer; Anita Hincelot Meffley (Beta Mu) assistant treasurer; Mary Nees Bremner (Alpha Theta) Panhellenic delegate; Nancy Baus O'Connor (Beta Xi) editor. We were able to make a donation of \$20 to the Sacramento Hospital Children's Ward along with sending a contribution of fruit and cookies to the children at this time.

An excellent turnout of members for Founders' Day luncheon was greeted by our retiring president, Anne Fisher Stroppini (Beta Iota), despite heavy winds and rain. The long tables were decorated with ivy and the traditional silver chain. Four of our past presidents, Shirley Scott Gianelli (Alpha Nu), Helen Little Robertson (Alpha Nu), Jo Ann Blood Smith (Beta Mu), and Ann Fisher Stroppini (Beta Iota) performed the memorable candle lighting ceremony. Besides this ceremony and the traditional passing of the box of pennies for the Friendship Fund, there was another particularly enjoyable highlight of our meeting. Our president announced that three of our own chapter members had been members of Kappa Alpha Theta for fifty years! These three members were Edith Ravenscroft Ellis (Alpha), Gertrude Gibbs Meier (Upsilon), and Grace Gilmore Pope (Psi).

Our February evening meeting, held in the home of Louise Aunger Scurfield (Gamma Xi), brought us this very rewarding report on our recent rummage

sale. Led by chairman Annis Steinley Mather (Delta) and her committee the chapter's sale netted the group almost \$200 this year. We felt the end results were well worth our efforts.

In April the chapter was pleased to welcome Mrs. Virginia Oliver, Alumnae President of District IX, for a visit. After several quick changes in our schedule, enabling us to hold a regular chapter meeting during her visit, we met in the home of our hostess, Mrs. Helen Little Robertson (Alpha Nu), for luncheon. The Del Paso Country Club was the scene of another luncheon given by the board in Mrs. Oliver's honor, and the bridge club was delighted when she joined them for their monthly skirmish over honors and points. Many of us had several chances to talk with Virginia and draw from her ever present enthusiasm concerning Theta group sponsored activities which would ultimately benefit other needy individuals or groups. We are always interested in any new ideas or projects that we can support, and Virginia left us with a determination to undertake a much larger project than we here-to-fore had attempted. April also found us financially able to donate one dollar per member to the Institute of Logopedics.

At our regular April evening meeting our president, Isabelle Paterson Workman, enthusiastically reviewed Mrs. Oliver's suggestions for a group project. Anita Hincelot Meffley's suggestion of a project to benefit Sacramento's newly organized Society for Handicapped Children was met with the immediate approval of the entire group, and project chairman Ann Fisher Stroppini's idea of a Theta Bid Dance to include all member's friends and the public was readily accepted as the means to our end.

The last meeting on our spring calendar was a luncheon held in the home of Jane Sedgwick Pirkey (Upsilon). It was announced that the sale of earrings made by local boy scouts would net our group a certain percentage of their selling price if we were interested in selling them. Not only was the group interested, but they proceeded to buy up almost all of the sets Ann had brought with her for display and place orders for many more. We have found that these small money raising projects, which seem to arise almost spontaneously from different members of our group who are constantly on the alert for just such opportunities, steadily help us to replenish our treasury with funds—large and small—which can eventually help others around us.

Our last social gathering for the year was the annual swimming and dinner party held in the home of Esther Scott Sertich (Phi) on July tenth. Our very genial host, Joe Sertich, suggested that we might bring some of those almost permanently untied "gift ties," that our husbands so often receive from well meaning friends and relatives, and put them on sale for a quarter apiece. This idea was carried out by his wife Esther and proved to be not only financially rewarding to our treasury but the cause for much hilarity at the party.

Now, with all accounts totaled and all reports in, we feel that this second year of our existence has witnessed considerable growth and development within our group, and we are proud of what we

have been able to accomplish. The chapter is looking forward to even greater expansion and work during the coming year, and we only hope that we can continue to progress towards these greater goals.

Nancy Baus O'Connor

## SAN ANTONIO

In the fourth year of its installation as a chapter, San Antonio Theta alumnae activities have been varied and myriad. The year began on a gala note when we entertained college Thetas and their mothers at lunch. In November, the annual doll bazaar, ably headed by Olive Falvey Davis and Mary Clark Warrick Bronaugh, netted over \$800 for our national project and Panhellenic Scholarship fund. Over a thousand articles, including Christmas gifts as well as doll clothing made during the torrid summer months, sold like the proverbial hot cakes.

The January Founders' Day dinner was a double celebration in that two fifty year certificates were awarded to Mrs. Gretchen Rochs Goldsmith, charter member of Alpha Theta, and Mrs. W. B. Russ (Jean McGrath), Iota.

Reminiscence was the theme of our March meeting when the Austin alumnae were our guests at lunch, and delegates sent to the celebration of Alpha Theta's thirtieth anniversary reported a similar nostalgic experience.

A visit from our district alumnae president, Mrs. Gordon McNutt, resulted in an excellent exchange of ideas plus challenge for further service.

We closed our year's activities on the fun and frolic level by entertaining Theta husbands with a swimming party and picnic in May.

The results of our labor were amply rewarded at convention when Ruth Sunderland Rosenthal, president, brought home a silver-embossed gavel—an award for being the outstanding alumnae chapter in a city where there is no college chapter.

Helen White DePuy

## SAN DIEGO

Our monthly membership meetings this year have been held as usual in the homes of various members on week-day evenings, with the exception of the June meeting, which was a luncheon and swimming party at the home of a member. It is our custom to serve dessert before the business meeting and social hour or program.

We were jubilant over the results of our benefit affair in November—a combination dessert luncheon-card party and bazaar held in House of Hospitality, Balboa Park—at which we cleared \$758.53, proceeds being equally distributed in \$250 each to Institute of Logopedics, San Diego Donald Sharp Memorial Hospital, and our local Gamma Sigma chapter.

Our Christmas party this year was a departure from the eggnog party at which husbands were included in recent years, and was an informal social gathering in Gamma Sigma's chapter room in House of Hospitality, Balboa Park. An exchange of gifts and bridge and canasta followed the serving of punch and cookies.

Our Founders' Day banquet was particularly successful and inspiring this year, we all agreed, with ninety alumnae and Gamma Sigma actives enjoying the occasion at San Diego's beautiful new Kona Kai Club on Shelter Island. One of the highlights of the evening was the awarding of Fifty-Year Membership Certificates to nine local Thetas, seven of whom were present and gave entertaining anecdotes on their lives as Thetas.

In April we were happy to participate in the annual scholarship dinner and cake contest which Gamma Sigma gave at Scripps Cottage on State College Campus, at which considerably more than the required \$50 toward the scholarship was raised. In October we were honored and happy to have Betty Hogate visit us, and also to be visited by our District President, Betty Daly.

Last month we gave a luncheon at which about thirty-five alumnae were present in the beautiful tree-surrounded patio of Cafe del Rey Moro in Balboa Park, honoring Mrs. Robert Shaw (Beta) of New York. Mrs. Shaw's husband, who grew up in San Diego, is Director of the nationally known Robert Shaw Chorus and Orchestra, and is again directing the San Diego Summer Symphonies. One of our guests on this occasion was Virginia Corlett McQueen (Beta Iota), wife of Maj. Gen. John Crawford McQueen, new Commanding General of our Marine Recruit Depot. We look forward to Mrs. McQueen's joining us as an enthusiastic supporter of our alumnae activities. It seems that our dynamic little president, Juliana Chapman, came home from convention fired with enthusiasm and we anticipate another successful and happy year as Theta alumnae.

Betty Reed Bolté

## SAN JOSE

San Jose Alumnae chapter has seen a happy rounding out of its membership this year with a group of recent graduates and young matrons, mostly of Gamma Xi chapter. Each year, too, sees the arrival of several Thetas from other states of the union who have come to live in Santa Clara Valley with their husbands and children.

Our regular monthly meetings were held at Gamma Xi chapter house. Programs included: reports and fraternity education; speakers on charm, garden shrubs and a European tour. In addition, the following events:

September: our annual rummage sale under the chairmanship of Betty Bookwalter Provenzano (Gamma Xi).

November: The visit of our Grand President, Mrs. Ellen Hofstead, a buffet supper at the House.

December: Christmas party with Gamma Xi with gifts for the House and songs; Cocktail-buffet with our husbands and escorts at the home of Jean Franklin Hartman (Omega), Constance Gordon Johnson (Tau) chairman.

January: Founders' Day Luncheon at the House, chairman Sarah Rich Wilson (Gamma Xi).

February: Bridge at the home of Evelyn Brown

Chambers (Rho), chairman Patricia Ferguson Anderson (Gamma Xi).

March: Election of officers. A change in our by-laws passed in September increases our officer's terms from one to two years. One half of the officers change at election time each March, giving a carry-over for greater efficiency. Executive committee meetings were held each month prior to regular meetings. Present officers are: president, Phyllis Edwards Percy (Gamma Xi); vice-president, Nancy Hardy Drew (Gamma Xi); recording secretary, Sharon Wilson Bariteau (Gamma Xi); corresponding secretary, Lois Calyle Cronemiller (Gamma Xi); treasurer, India Wilson Lundy (Gamma); editor and archivist, Katherine Green Condon (Gamma Xi); public relations, Virginia Wall (Gamma Xi); panhellenic representative, Hetty Van de Bos Deleuran (Omega); nominating committee chairman, Evelyn Brown Chambers (Rho), and press book, Barbara Curry Jamison (Gamma Xi).

April: a potluck luncheon and recipe exchange at the home of Constance Gordon Johnson (Tau), chairman Doris Snell Parsons (Gamma Xi); luncheon at the House for our new Alumnae District President, Virginia (Mrs. John P.) Oliver of Sherman Oaks, California.

May: Our Senior Welcome Party, chairman Doris Conway Weeden (Beta Mu).

June: "Spring Fling," an informal dance for alumnae and friends, chairman Marilyn Ferguson Dallman (Gamma Xi); first Homecoming Luncheon for Gamma Xi Alumnae, chairman Betsy Amick Rhodes (Gamma Xi).

On this final occasion the annual corporation board meeting was presided over by chairman Kathryn Cassin (Gamma Xi). We are proud of the work of our corporation board, and also of our advisory board under Bernice Tompkins (Phi).

Phyllis Edward Percy attended Convention in Quebec.

Katherine Green Condon

## SANTA BARBARA

The Theta alumnae of Santa Barbara have had a successful and profitable year under the presidency of Marion Hensley Serumgard. Our first meeting was pleasant as we greeted many new members. In October we had a Halloween costume party for the husbands at the home of Dorothy Sperry Reynolds. Everyone had a wonderful time. We believe that the husbands should have an interest in our activities.

The alumnae received the opportunity to get to know more of the actives at a joint Christmas party at the Theta house. We like to show the actives that we are extremely interested in all of their plans and projects.

Once again we combined the celebrations of Founders' Day and the initiation of new actives, and again Mrs. Edith Wilson Sperry was the chairman. The election and installation of officers for the coming year was held in Ventura, Calif. We had luncheon with the Ventura Chapter and had a delightful time. Mrs. Ednah Wickson Kelley installed the new officers in a brief, inspiring ceremony.

We had two large money making projects this past year. Our fall project was a doll contest—complete with her wardrobe, which was made by the members. It was very successful. Our spring project was a delightful fashion show, dessert, bridge party, the fashions furnished by I. Magnin & Co. The money made on this party went into the Miriam Edwards Scholarship Fund.

The graduating seniors were initiated into our alumnae chapter during the traditional Senior Tea which was held in Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Arendt's lovely home. Another inspiring ceremony took place at this time. Plaques were presented to three alumnae members who have been active for fifty or more years. Their names are: Mrs. Tom McCrea who founded the Los Angeles Alumnae chapter, Mrs. John Pfeiferle, and Mrs. Ednah Wickson Kelley who was Grand President from 1904 to 1908.

We are all looking forward to another year as Theta alumnae.

Nancy Chase Wampler

## SEATTLE

A review of the year's activities is always a double pleasure, both for the pride in a job well done with the pleasant memories it revives, and the inspiration to make the coming year an even greater success.

After the hue and cry of rushing had faded away and everyone had had a chance to become acquainted with the new pledge class, work was started on a really terrific Christmas gift that would benefit both ourselves and the active chapter. Under the leadership of Candy Kennedy and Margaret Waldo (Mrs. Burton K.) the job of redecorating the alumnae room in the chapter house was accomplished in record time, and, in excellent taste. It's amazing what a good paint job can do to cheer up a room . . . and those who use it!

The Founders' Day luncheon in January is always an inspiring way to start the new year, and this year's proved an extra special event. Even an unprecedented snow storm (honest!) didn't keep the crowd from attending the affair so ably planned by Barbara Jo Allen (Mrs. Thomas) and Louise Beckwith (Mrs. Robert). For the first time an outside speaker was invited to be honored guest, and after hearing Rev. Gary Demarest, Director of Youth Education at one of the city's leading churches, speak on the return of Christianity to the campus, everyone was doubly inspired to live up to the high ideals of our fraternity.

By March business wheels were turning again with money-making projects well under way. Gerry Scott (Mrs. O. C.), the ways and means chairman was full of ideas for keeping the dollars pouring into the coffer. Besides the perennial rummage sale, which netted the treasury \$290.85, the novel idea of a Talent Auction was inaugurated. All the hidden talents of chapter members were unveiled at successive meetings.

Hobbies varied from painting and papering, gardening, baking, bridge lessons, art work and flower arrangements to baby-sitting! These talents were offered as services by the talented ones, then bought for the highest bid by the person in need of that particular hobby. All proceeds of course, went into the treasury, and with such super-saleswomen as Jean Saunders (Mrs. Bennett), Jane Baker (Mrs. Lane) and Eleanor Youngs (Mrs. Stanley E.) acting as auctioneers we had wonderful entertainment and were \$150 richer too!

Our neighbors from the Tacoma chapter were our guests at the April meeting, which had an international theme. Our guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Davis, Advisor to Foreign Students at the University of Washington. With him on the panel were a charming young lady from Egypt and a young man from Germany, who told how they came to study so far from their native lands. Their experiences and their impressions of this country were of wide interest to everyone, and inspired us to plan a new type service project for this coming year.

With the recent tremendous growth of Seattle, and the inherent difficulties for all Thetas in the area to attend a central meeting, we have devised a program of neighborhood groups. Under the direction of Leonore McIntyre (Mrs. D. M.), these Regional Friendship Groups have become an integral part of our alumnae activities. Informal get-togethers are held monthly in the different residential areas, with the girls meeting for coffee, bridge, mending or just plain gossip. Donations are made in various ways, with the total contribution for the first year adding \$97 to our scholarship fund.

With these plans and others in the offing, our work is cut out for us this fall, but if it is as much fun doing it as it has been talking about it, we're due for a prosperous and satisfying year.

Lorraine Noonan Durkan

## SPOKANE

A buffet supper in September honoring the college girls started off the activities for the year 1953-54. Entertaining and informative reports of the district convention were given by our president, Dorothy Perkins Rodgers (Alpha Chi), and our district president, Hazel Baird Beil (Alpha Nu).

The October meeting proved to be one of the most enjoyable as well as profitable of the year. A White Elephant Sale was held with Betty Watson Slaughter (Chi) acting as auctioneer. Her amusing and persuasive patter sold every article donated and put an additional \$65 into our treasury.

Our annual fall rummage sale, plus sale of silver and metal polish and favorite recipes of members, enabled us to contribute to the Institute of Logopedics, the Spokane Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Red Feather Fund. We also gave Christmas gifts to Alpha Sigma and Beta Theta chapters.

There will be a new alumnae award at the next Grand Convention, for the alumnae chapter having the best public relations. So why not start a scrapbook now, to prove your merit?

Besides our contribution of money to the Institute, we sent a knitted afghan, painted blocks and bean bags. These were all made by members under the guidance of Mary Harvey Gardner (Beta Theta) and Gerry Stanfield Stevenson (Beta Theta).

In place of the traditional Christmas tea honoring the college girls, their mothers and the mothers of alumnae, an informal morning coffee party was held on December 30 at the home of Geraldine Guertin Robertson (Alpha Sigma). All who attended voted it a complete success and hoped it would be repeated the following year.

The evening of January 27 saw us gathered at the Spokane City Club to join our Theta sisters from coast to coast in paying tribute to our founders. Our celebration was a banquet with "Theta Special" as the theme. The long banquet table was centered with a miniature train filled with flowers. Phyllis Carter Perrine (Alpha Sigma) acted as toastmistress and introduced the four speakers who took us on an imaginary trip on the "Theta Special." Edna Carnine Price (Alpha Sigma) started us off with her toast "All Aboard"; next came "Pulling into Spokane," by Barbara Berg Dorst (Gamma Xi); Edna Herrington Brooks (Beta Theta) gave us a peek into the future with "Next Stop 1954"; and Hazel Beil, our district president, spoke on "Destination Theta." Installation of new officers followed the program. Dorothy Rodgers will continue as president with the following officers to assist her; Edna Herrington Brooks, vice president; Patricia Kulzer Peterson (Beta Theta), recording secretary; Betty Scott Westover (Beta Theta), corresponding secretary; Janice Gifford Berghan (Alpha Xi), treasurer; Donna Wood (Alpha Sigma), assistant treasurer; Lois Spencer Smith (Alpha Nu), editor; and Jean Bardwell Anderson (Alpha Sigma), archivist.

A series of neighborhood coffee and bridge parties were held in the spring to afford an opportunity for members both old and new to become better acquainted with one another. These informal get-togethers proved to be very successful and will be continued throughout the coming year. Activities for the year closed with our annual spring dance. It was held this year at the University Club with Barbara Dorst as chairman.

We are all looking forward with great anticipation to our first fall meeting when our president, Dorothy Rodgers, will entertain and inspire us with her account of the Grand Convention at Quebec.

Lois Spencer Smith

## ST. LOUIS

St. Louis alumnae activities were off to a busy season last summer when the Information Rush Board and the alums entertained all of the rushees from this area who planned to attend colleges outside of St. Louis. Actives from Washington University's Alpha Iota chapter acted as our hostesses.

However, by fall the alums had put parties aside and had settled down to work as they never had before, for the annual Christmas bazaar. The efforts were not in vain for it was not only the most beautiful, but the most successful ever held. The proceeds from one afternoon amounted to \$1600, which enabled us

to send to the Institute of Logopedics (in addition to our \$600 pledge) a gift of \$1000 in memory of L. Pearle Green.

To add to our pleasure at our Christmas meeting, we had as our guest Mrs. Maxine Wilson, our District President. Another visitor whom we enjoyed tremendously this year was Mary Julia Phares, a Theta and a representative from the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita.

In the early spring the St. Louis Alumnae chapter celebrated Founders' Day with a most impressive luncheon at the Missouri Athletic Club. It was our first luncheon, after years of formal evening banquets, and everyone agreed that it was a huge success. Also for the first time there was a mother's and daughter's table . . . at which there were two families of three generations. The alums were very proud to honor with scrolls four women who had been loyal and active Thetas for fifty years. They were: Irene Blanchard of Illinois Wesleyan, 1890; Jeanette Blanchard Steubard of Michigan, 1897; Laura Eames Kammerer of Michigan, 1898, and Margaret Philbrook Neff of Kansas, 1902. Mrs. Neff gave a most entertaining acceptance speech filled with details of college life fifty years ago.

These are only the highlights of our year—but "husband and guest" night held its usual charm, and each meeting had a wonderful program.

We are all looking forward to another successful year with our new president, Margaret Penny Losse.

Emily Sankey Moore

## ST. PAUL

Our '53 meetings began, as this year's will, with a rush meeting in September at which the freshman list for the University of Minnesota was gone over. This year we are inaugurating a joint rush meeting to be held at the chapter house on the campus, 1012 S.E. Fifth St., at which Minneapolis and St. Paul alumnae will meet with the chapter rushing chairman, rush advisors, etc. for a rousing meeting. We have found these valuable as it acquaints the alumnae with the names of rushees and establishes their interest throughout the year.

The October meeting was at the home of Clara MacKenzie Bierman (Upsilon) at which \$10 was voted for rush expenses, also members volunteered aid as hostesses for a tea. Plans were made for a bazaar and style show at the chapter house at which St. Paul had a white elephant booth, sold the now-famous traveling clotheslines, and took orders for Anita Beck Christmas cards. A profit of \$150 was made. Dollars-for-Theta was explained by which members contribute a dollar a month toward the corporation house fund. Elizabeth Bullock Bumgardner, Upsilon, gave a lively report on the combined District VIII and XIII meetings at Ames, Iowa at which she was a delegate.

November was given over to work on the bazaar with the result that in December we were able to give a total of \$400 for new beds, chests, a studio lounge for the library and town girls' room at the house. Also at our traditional Christmas meeting at the attractive apartment of Helen La Shelle Gardner, Beta Kappa,

replete with Wassail Bowl and delicious food, we brought toys for the Children's Ward at Ancker Hospital, an annual philanthropy. Profits from a talent sale brought \$21 which was brought up to \$25 for our annual contribution to the Institute of Logopedics.

The January meeting at the home of Jeanne Booth Ausman, Upsilon, was sheer delight because of the beautiful colored slides of a European and Mediterranean tour taken by Helen Gardner and her family. The February event was Founders' Day banquet at the chapter house, with Minneapolis alumnae chapter hostesses. Louise Crawford, First Grand Vice President, was our speaker and guest of honor and her charm and brilliance captivated us all. Also honored were 50-year members of Upsilon, the St. Paul ones being Lillian Dodson Kluckhohn, Caroline Durkee Harmon and Helen Tass.

As our officers operate on a two-year basis there was no election this year. The writer was voted convention expenses for Quebec but because of serious illness in her family in June was unable to attend and Clara MacKenzie Bierman went as alternate, to Theta's gain, it is certain. Clara as State Chairman is an invaluable member of the chapter and her loyalty and enthusiasm for Theta sparks us all.

The May meeting, on the order of a Stanley party, was at Ruth Helen Banghart's Grey Cloud Island home, and was featured by a talk from a member of the California Wine Institute who discussed the proper serving of table wines and showed color films of the California vineyards. A profit of \$50 was made. Comprehensive reports on corporation affairs were given by Marion Burton Whitaker, Upsilon, board president, Elizabeth Clemons, Gamma Xi, chapter financial advisor, and Kathrine Wyatt Perkins, Beta, decorating chairman for the chapter house.

St. Paul alumnae chapter members, although few in number, are very active in civic affairs in St. Paul. Clara Bierman is a member of the University of Minnesota Alumnae Board (a great honor; Catherine Coffman Knudtson, Upsilon is also a member) and of the Episcopal Home Board; Helen Gardner, Elizabeth Bumgardner and Ann Weisenburger Mears, Upsilon, are new members of the Women's City Club Board; Mary Smith Healey, Beta Chi, AAUW board and Mental Health Association; Helen Gardner was chairman of the Women's Division for the Community Chest annual campaign for several years; the list could be multiplied indefinitely. Because of this the alumnae chapter here stresses fraternity association more than "projects" and although we make every effort to donate to our philanthropies we do not have a major money-making venture each year.

Katharine Birch Spear

## SYRACUSE

The casual mood that only a summer can nurture was kept alive at our box luncheon, the first official meeting of Theta Alumnae of Syracuse. Here talk of summer workshop accomplishments for the Institute of Logopedics brought happiness to all who heard. Flannel pajamas, knitted scarfs and mittens, and books and crayons and games were among the finished prod-

ucts sent to the Institute children. Here too, concrete plans were laid for the forthcoming rummage sale which was a group project. Lucille Burrill and Nancy Haylor professionally smoothed out the wrinkles of the sale that was to come to a happy conclusion in October.

In line with our desire for variety in our alumnae meetings, our next program presented us with an educational talk entitled "When Your Children Ask Why." The presentation and discussion were met with warm approval.

Our newly decorated chapter house was the scene of Chi birthday party, and, later, Founders' Day. These events renewed in our hearts and minds some of Theta's heritage.

Old St. Nicholas deviated from his pattern of appearing only on Christmas eve long enough to visit the young Theta children at the chapter house one chill December afternoon. Families all gathered together for a few hours of fellowship and fun. Truly the Christmas spirit was ours that wonderful day.

Going on the basic philosophy that in the spring time a woman's fancy turns to thoughts of hats, we entertained the Mothers' Club with a hat fashion show. Displayed by lovely Theta models were the latest spring styles in the collection of Irene Shattuck, a local milliner. The show was previewed on a Syracuse television station.

We all realize the need for sorority groups to attempt cooperatively to educate the public on the real meanings and purposes of their existence. To further this end, we joined the city Panhellenic in a series of appearances by each Syracuse University sorority during a portion of an afternoon TV show. In the Theta alumnae time, we stressed the work we participate in for national and local philanthropies.

A spring luncheon on a really spring day brought us all together again with Rosa Pennock as our gracious hostess. The carefully laid plans for a fine June Banquet came to life with a blending of actives and alums at this event which we eagerly anticipated.

A newly initiated program this year has been the alumnae-active sister program. Groups of three actives and two alums meet at an alum's home for a "get-acquainted" evening. This we know will strengthen our alumnae-active ties.

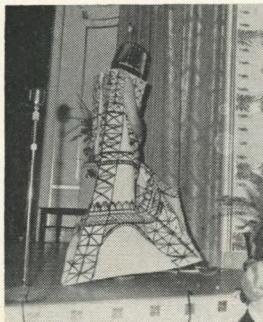
Dorothy Grover Gabor

## TACOMA

Our spirits, souls, knowledge and finances all received a big boost this year . . . with the best rummage sale ever . . . a successful and hilarious Founders' Day banquet and hearty contributions to Logopedics, welfare children, and our scholarship fund.

With a profit of \$403.86 from our rummage sale in October, we were able to send \$60 to the Logopedics Institute, contribute \$25 to the county Welfare children, and award our annual \$150 scholarship to Tina Lee, an outstanding Chinese student at the College of Puget Sound. And, since we're in a generous mood, we have offered to help Alpha Lambda chapter, Seattle, redecorate one of their rooms in the fall!

Our Founders' Day banquet, held at the Tacoma



The Eiffel Tower (Elizabeth MacLennan Chase of the Omaha Alumnae chapter) twists her girders getting off the stage. With her head wired for electricity, she really lit up when it was announced her costume had been awarded first place by the judges at Convention.

Country Club with the Olympia alumnae, showed 52 to be present, with Mrs. Alfred Krohn of Portland, president of District 14, Mrs. James Blackman, adviser to Alpha Lambda chapter, and Mrs. James Woods, Seattle alumnae president, as guests. Mrs. Bertha Wood Robbins regaled the guests with her stories of Alpha chapter, Greencastle, of long ago. 50-year membership certificates were awarded to her and to Mrs. Grace Wells Fairchild, class '03, Psi chapter.

Our knowledge increased with a wonderful flower arrangement meeting in November and a trip to Austria, via some beautiful colored slides, in February. Marian Mathews Quam, our able alumnae president, we rewarded with a trip to the National 41st Grand Convention and to Eloise Baird Boldt came the honor of having her husband named as a United States District Judge.

Fun? Yes, we had that, too . . . though helping others was just as much fun. With effervescent youngsters in tow, we swam and picnicked at Antoinette Mahncke Young's lovely beach home on Puget Sound in August, which is pictured in the April *Sunset*.

Mildred Hoska Sconce

## TOLEDO

The year 1953-54 began for the Toledo Alumnae chapter in September. There was a potluck supper, followed by a program titled, "A Touch of Glamor." This was a talk on glamor and the art of makeup, given by Dorothy Dixon Wuerfel, one of our members. She represents a cosmetics firm, and following her talk she demonstrated on one of the girls present. A cosmetics kit was the prize for a contest conducted that evening. A certain percentage of her sales goes into our treasury.

In October our president, Marjorie Williams Knesser, who had been our delegate to the district convention at Cleveland, gave her interesting report.

The program for our Christmas meeting was ingeniously planned by Marjorie Lamb. Besides the singing of carols, each one of us was given a tiny

Christmas package containing a short reading appropriate to the season—which gave everyone a part in the program. Also, donations were brought to fill Christmas baskets for some needy families.

Founders' Day was celebrated with a luncheon at the Toledo Club. Following the usual candle lighting ceremony there were interesting readings by Ortha Smith Black, Beverly Lavender Dalton and Nelle Weber McClenahan.

The February meeting was given over to a program "Speech for the Silent." An outside speaker representing the Toledo Child and Family Agency gave a talk which was illustrated by a motion picture. It was excellently presented, and in relation to the work being done at the Institute of Logopedics, it emphasized the importance of our national project.

Betty Hartman Connell of our chapter, who has had both radio and television experience, introduced a representative from the Toledo WSPD radio and TV station at the March meeting. He spoke on "TV—The Inside Story," discussing the local and national relationship.

Soil Conservation was the subject of a talk by Lura Grigsby Sears, given at our meeting in April. She is particularly well-informed on the matter as she and her husband have several farms and have done much research regarding conservation of the soil.

We closed our year in June with a luncheon, followed by a social hour held at the Toledo Country Club. The attendance through the year was very good. Most of the meetings were held in the evenings in the homes of members, the programs following the serving of dessert. Although we had some daytime meetings, we found that the attendance at the evening sessions was larger.

Bebe Edwards Picton was our delegate to the convention in Quebec, and we are anticipating a glowing and informative report from her.

Florence Orwig Boice

## TOPEKA

Bonnets, beards and dancing were the order of the evening. This was the highlight of Topeka Alumnae chapter's year. To earn money for the Institute of Logopedics, we decided to tie our project in with the celebration of the Kansas Territorial and City of Topeka Centennial Anniversary. Our projects chairman, Jane Mosby Benson, and her co-chairman, Barbara Long Brennan, got their committees together and made arrangements for a Bonnets and Beards Dance. The decorations were wonderful—especially the horses manufactured from barrels, nail kegs, rope and saw horses. The program featured the Centennial Director, some of the candidates for centennial queen and some musical acts from the pageant held later that week. The band was good and everyone had a wonderful time. Needless to say the dance was a financial success and we sent quite a substantial sum to the Institute.

In fact, this has been a good year for our alumnae chapter financially. Our rummage sale was quite rewarding, both in fun and money. In November the Thetas, Kappas and Pi Phis got together and held a

holiday dance. Alumnæ and Actives of all three organizations came out in large numbers and the Triad was a big success. We also had a white elephant auction at our January meeting. Diane Logan Copeland and Kate Welty Worley acted as auctioneers and the amount of peculiar, useless and useful items they managed to find new owners for was amazing. There was one vase that—well, really! It finally brought \$2.50.

Another highlight of the year was the visit of the District President, Mrs. Margaret Blevans, in March. Mrs. Blevans is an Alpha Upsilon alumna and many of her friends were at the meeting to welcome her back to Topeka. Allabelle Troutman Mills compiled and presented a most interesting history of the Topeka Alumnæ chapter at this meeting.

Our Founders' Day banquet was most impressive. We honored seven, fifty year Thetas at the meeting this year. They were: Edith Davis Bowan (Mrs. W. F.); Hazel Fassler Dudley (Mrs. Guilford); Helen Rolland Estey (Mrs. S. S.); Helen Smith Loveland (Mrs. Forrest); Miss Charlotte Leavitt, Grace Colwell Miller (Mrs. Clyde); and Clara Shellabarger Macferran (Mrs. William).

As you can see, here in Topeka we've had a most interesting and active year. We hope next year will be even better.

Sally White

## TORONTO

Last year was busy for us in the Toronto Alumnæ chapter. Our first meeting was held in June at the lovely summer home of Dr. Edith Williams and Dr. Frieda Fraser. We always enjoy the informality of our picnic meeting.

The October meeting was held at the home of Dr. Eleanor Rigg. Dr. Doris Howell gave her report of the district convention at State College, Pa. Mrs. Kidder entertained us with a most interesting story of her trip abroad on the yacht of a friend, cruising continental waters and stopping off in England to see the Coronation.

In December we had a bridge meeting at the home of Marjorie Froop to raise funds for our foster child, Sophia.

We were quite desperate this year to find a suitable place to hold our Founders' Day banquet. Through Doris Howell, however, we discovered Clarendon House and were all delighted with the arrangements. We were very pleased to have Doris Jones, our District President, as guest. She was so charming and we enjoyed her visit so much we hope she will come and see us soon again.

The annual meeting was held at the home of Margaret Dennison, where officer's reports were given. The new officers were welcomed: Mrs. Betty Dunning as recording secretary and Mrs. Joyce Cordon as editor. Mrs. Grace Cottrell was nominated as delegate to the convention in Quebec, and arrangements were made to reserve a room in the Royal York Hotel to accommodate delegates passing through Toronto. A vote of thanks was extended to Caroline Hogg for her work in compiling the history of Sigma chapter and the Toronto Alumnæ chapter for the new History of

Kappa Alpha Theta. The meeting was closed after an enjoyable hour watching films of the Canadian Rockies taken by Dr. Edith Williams.

Joyce Cordon

## TUCSON

The Tucson Alumnæ club started out the year with a supper party in honor of the new pledges of Beta Delta chapter. It was held in the patio of the Lodge on the Desert, and after a brief business meeting the guests arrived to enjoy a buffet supper and to meet the members of the alumnæ group. Each pledge was taken to the buffet table by a member, and in this way we were able to meet the girls and talk to them during dinner. After dinner each pledge was introduced to the group individually.

In October our annual pre-football game buffet was held on the 17th. This party is always held in the home of one of the members and traditionally features Mexican food. This year the affair was especially nice as we were able to enjoy the warm evening which Tucson climate allows. The buffet was served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to allow time for the guests to get to the game.

A special meeting was called in October at the chapter house to install the new Tucson Alumnæ chapter. We were very fortunate to have Mrs. Don Hogate, Grand Second Vice President, come to Tucson for the ceremony. Also our District President, Mrs. E. K. Daly, was present to introduce Mrs. Hogate. The installation ceremony was held in the chapter room, and afterwards dessert and coffee were served in the living room, at which time we had an opportunity to talk with Mrs. Hogate informally.

On November 6th we held a fashion show and bridge at the chapter house. This was not our money-making project for the year, but it afforded the opportunity to invite our friends in to see the Kappa Alpha Theta house and raised a small amount of money to apply on materials purchased for our bazaar to be held in December. Fashions from Andy Anderson, Ltd. were modeled by members and dessert was served, followed by an afternoon of cards.

Our big project for the year was our Holly Day Bazaar held from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on December 9 at the chapter house. All through the previous summer committees had worked in making the various handmade items which appeared. Added to this we were fortunate to have donated to us the stock of the discontinued gift shop of the Lodge on the Desert, also a selection of Mexican arts and crafts from Mexican Imports of Carmen, Arizona. These items together with a bake sale constituted enough to cover completely the six banquet sized tables attractively decorated in the living room. One of the featured items was a 24 inch doll with a complete wardrobe of handmade clothes which could be won by merely giving a donation of 25¢ to the Institute of Logopedics. Members donated time to act as clerks for the bazaar, and we feel it was one of the most successful fund-raising projects we had attempted.

The Founders' Day luncheon was held January 27 at the Tucson Country Club. The active members of

Beta Delta chapter and Mrs. E. K. Daly, District President, were also present.

During spring vacation at the University of Arizona campus we held a family barbecue in the patio of the chapter house. We have admired the new barbecue recently built there and took the opportunity to use it. The party started with games for the children. After dinner we were able to take our families on a tour of the chapter house as many had never seen it. This was the first time the alumnae had entertained a family group.

Our senior party scheduled for May 19 was cancelled due to a conflict in dates. The University of Arizona had also scheduled a reception and both could not be attended by the graduating seniors. However, gifts from the alumnae chapter were presented to the graduating seniors at the chapter house by Mrs. Robert Vance, Alumnae Advisory Board Chairman.

**Elizabeth Dinsmore**

## WASHINGTON

The 1953-54 season opened with the October meeting which was a buffet dinner at the lovely home of the president of the chapter, Mrs. Merwin D. Rayner. The officers were hostesses for the evening. Guest speaker was Mr. C. Malcolm Watkins of the Smithsonian Institute. His subject of the History of American Glass as well as his display of exhibits from Smithsonian were most interesting.

November found the Washington Thetas attending an afternoon meeting and tea at the home of Mrs. William R. Kueffner in the nearby Maryland countryside. Mrs. L. Meade Hammond spoke on "Post-war Germany through the eyes of an American wife."

Our president, Mrs. Merwin D. Rayner and her family were transferred out of the city so, on December 1st, the chapter elected Mrs. Robert C. Hibben (Katharine Lamneck of Alpha Gamma) as president and Mrs. Frederick Mueller replaced Mrs. Hibben as treasurer.

The festive Christmas party meeting at the home of Mrs. G. W. Ault was highlighted with an excellent play reading by Mrs. Harold A. Whittaker. The chapter presented the active chapters at Maryland and George Washington Universities with cups and saucers for their Christmas gifts.

Founders' Day luncheon at the Shoreham Hotel was attended by 122 Thetas who represented a majority of Theta chapters. Miss Virginia Robinson told the story of Technical Assistance in West Africa in which she had an important part.

A Club Studio luncheon at the Fairfax Hotel brought the Thetas together in February when they played Bridge or Canasta for the benefit of the Alumnae Chapter treasury. The March meeting at the home of Mrs. John Schravesande, Philanthropy Committee Chairman, was a business meeting.

April brought the highlight of the year to Washington Thetas. Our Grand President, Mrs. James W. Hofstead, was guest of honor at a tea at the home of Mrs. Roger E. Johnson. Mrs. Hofstead presented certificates commemorating 50 years of membership in the fraternity to: Mrs. George A. Watts (Lambda);

Mrs. Glen J. Gifford (Beta), recording secretary of the Washington Alumnae Chapter; Mrs. Cora Belle Moore Leonard (Kappa); Mrs. Glen L. Swiggett (Beta); Mrs. Warren E. Darrow (Alpha); Mrs. Milton H. Bancroft (Swarthmore); Mrs. James M. Michael (Wooster College); and Mrs. Balthasar H. Meyer (Psi).

May doubled the activities. The monthly meeting was a delightful supper at Gamma Mu's new chapter house. The actives took the alumnae on complete tours of their beautiful home in which they show great pride. The meeting was climaxed with the alumnae's welcome to the graduating seniors from both Maryland and George Washington Universities.

The second activity was the Rummage Sale which was held from May 19th through the 25th and netted over \$600 toward the scholarships in speech training given to Maryland and George Washington by the Alumnae Chapter each year. The Christmas card sale was a success again this year under the able chairmanship of Mildred C. Benton (Alpha).

We're very proud of our own Mrs. Donald (Betty) Högate (Alpha) who was elected Grand First Vice President at Grand Convention this year at Quebec.

**Betty Wentworth Phillips**

## WICHITA

The Wichita Alumnae chapter started off its very successful year with an enthusiastic report of the District Convention at Stillwater, Oklahoma, given by the president, Mary Resler Grogan. The chapter wasted no time in getting down to work and began gathering clothes and "things" for our fall rummage sale.

Our first program of the year featured local Theta talent, namely "The Red Hot Mammas, Slightly Warmed Over." This proved to be a howling success and took us all back to "the good old days" at school.

The holiday season was quite gay, highlighted by our Triad dance given with the Kappas and Phi Phis, sharing honors was our very elegant Christmas egg nog party at the home of Mary Pat Yingling.

January brought our Founders' Day which we celebrated appropriately with a dinner at the Petroleum Club and with an impressive candle lighting service in memory of our founders. The outstanding program at that meeting was a summary of the latest Broadway hits and special excerpts from some of them.

In February our very interesting and timely program on the local crime situation was given by the Director of the Wichita Crime Commission.

Among our spring projects was the inevitable rummage sale. A more pleasant spring undertaking was the sending of greetings and gifts to our Wichita Theta pledges. Our programs for the year came to a climax with a very clever review of "Bernadine."

May is the month of the annual picnic, having our husbands as guests added greatly to our enjoyment of the occasion.

Since we are fortunate in having the Institute of Logopedics in our own city, our main year-round project is working with the children and assisting in the many necessary tasks in the offices there. It is the

privilege of Wichita Thetas to spend many, many volunteer hours on this project which is so dear to the hearts of all of us. This year in addition to the actual work we were able to send a gift of \$500 to the Institute.

Phyllis Doane Frisby

## YAKIMA

Under the stimulating leadership of Peggy Moren Martin, our president, Yakima Alumnae had another successful year.

The sale of silver polish, and a food sale and bazaar for members, enabled us to contribute to the Institute of Logopedics and local philanthropies. This year Yakima Thetas sponsored a handicapped child from our city to Camp Manitowish, situated on Lake Couer d'Alene. This camp is under the supervision of Washington State College, and most of the instructors are from the college. The purpose of the camp is to provide an opportunity for handicapped children to enjoy the experiences of camp life in a manner as near like that of normal children as possible. Both

normal and handicapped children attend this camp and the program is planned to fit the needs of both.

A potluck supper and a comprehensive report by our president on the convention of District XV at Mount Hood's Timberline Lodge, began our season in September. In January we held our Founders' Day dinner at the Woman's Century Club House. The tables were appropriately decorated with black and gold pansies found growing undaunted through the snow. Marie Heathman Zimmerman entertained us with tales of her recent visit to European countries. Marie's husband Clarence contributed much to the enjoyment of the meeting by showing colored slides of their trip plus providing a clever and informative commentary.

Barbara Lockart Ditter's home was the scene of the husbands' dinner. Our social activities were concluded with the actives' party, a highly enjoyable picnic at the lovely home of Okie Wallin Moore.

Our delegate to Grand Convention in Quebec was our president, and we are looking forward to hearing her convention report.

Della Martin Shuman

*"Our existence is safe just so long as our roots are buried deep in the soil of service—service to the individual members, to the college community and to our American democracy."—ELLEN HOFSTEAD.*

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Space for news, such as births, marriages, new jobs, honors, publications. Only those news items which have occurred within the calendar year will be published.

## Malicious or Misguided

Appearing with innocent and patriotic names, numerous Communistic front organizations infiltrate the campuses of American colleges and universities. It is the duty of intelligent students to recognize the hidden goals of such subversive groups.

No one has put the situation more clearly than Otto Kuusinen, secretary of the Communist International, himself: "The first part of our task is to build up, not only Communist organizations, but other organizations as well; above all, mass organizations sympathizing with our aims and able to aid us for special purposes. We must create a whole solar system of organizations and smaller committees around the Communist Party, so to speak . . . smaller organizations working actually under the influence of our party."

Following J. Edgar Hoover's clear and concise article entitled Communism and the College Student (*Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, Autumn 1953, pg. 43) last year, the following list of organizations has been released by the National Pan-hellenic citizenship committee. Each of these organizations has been officially declared subversive by either the Attorney General, or one or more government agencies:

All Harlem Youth Conference	Samuel Adams School for Social Studies of Boston
American Student Union	School for Democracy
American Youth Congress	School of Jewish Studies, New York
American Youth for a Free World	Seattle Labor School (Pacific Northwest Labor School)
American Youth for Democracy	Socialist Youth League
California Labor School	Southern Negro Youth Congress
California Youth Legislature	Student Advocate (publication)
Citizens Committee on Academic Freedom	Students Rights Association
Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas	Student Vigilance Committee of Boston
Connecticut State Youth Conference	Tom Paine School (Westchester County, New York)
Committee for International Student Cooperation	Tom Paine School of Social Science (Philadelphia)
Friends of the Campus	Town Meeting of Youth
George Washington Carver School, New York	United Student Peace Committee
International Union of Students	United Youth Committee Against Lynching
Jefferson School of Social Science, New York	Walt Whitman School of Social Science
John Reed Clubs	Washington School of Boston
Karl Marx Society of Brooklyn College	Workers of Boston
Los Angeles Youth Committee Against UMT	World Federation of Democratic Youth
Marxist Study Club of City College, New York	World Youth Congress
National Council of Negro Youth	Young Communist League
National Students Committee to Struggle Against War	Young Communist Review (publication)
National Student League	Young Comrade (publication)
National Youth Assembly Against Universal Military Training	Young Pioneers of America
Ohio School of Social Science	Young Progressives of America
Pacific Northwest Labor School	Young Progressive Citizens Committee
Progressive Labor School of Boston	Young Worker (publication)
	Youth Committee For May Day

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